

*We are a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith  
seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.  
Loving God... Changing Lives!*



**OAK GROVE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Oct. 10, 2021**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 & 10:15 am**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude (9:00 am)**                      "If You Believe and I Believe"                      Choir

**Welcome & Announcements**                      Bart Roush & Mary Koon

**Faith Talk**                      Sue Powers

**Lighting of the Christ Candle (10:15 am)**                      Ellie & Max Montoya

**Call to Worship**

We gather as people on a journey.

**We believe and we have doubts, we do good and we fall short. We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.**

Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

**We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we've harmed.**

Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

**We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.**

Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are present to worship.  
Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

**Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.**



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Linda Blair** (Oct. 6, 2021) who joined the church triumphant. "In Life and Death we belong to God."

**<sup>1</sup> All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**<sup>4</sup> All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;**

**so, even in the midst of tears,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**<sup>6</sup> O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Prayer**

**God of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the  
presence of Jesus Christ. God of creation, God of fun and sport,  
God of life who delights in diversity, we rejoice with you this day!**

**In our words and in our silence, in our prayers, in our joy and in our  
sorrow, in our hope, may we know you. May the peace that surpasses  
all understanding, the peace that calms our troubled hearts, the  
peace that soothes our fears, the peace that you give, live in us this  
day. May we rejoice with you this day!**

**Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship,  
knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps.  
Fill us we pray, with your Holy Spirit. May we know your fire of love  
deeply in our being, may we be your love. May we bring your love.  
May your love reign as we rejoice with you this day! Amen.**

**We Listen for God’s Word**

**Sending Song**

“Near or Far”

*J McKinnon*

**Near or far apart, You’re always in my heart. God’s love is here to stay, Close and far away. Resting in God’s peace, Praying for God’s hope, Serving God’s joy, United in God’s love.**

**Anthem (10:15 am)**

“As The Deer”

Piano Duet

**Scripture**

John 20:19–31  
(NT: p. 115 | LPNT: p. 141)

Bart Roush

**Message**

Bart Roush

**Prayers of the People**

Mary Koon

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**We Go Forth in God’s Name****Closing Song**

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

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**<sup>1</sup> God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**<sup>4</sup> Walking behind to hem my journey,  
going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways:**

**<sup>5</sup> Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**Benediction**

Bart Roush

**Postlude**



*Additional participants in worship today include:*

Hymn Leaders: **Enid Lang & Don Alman;**

Organist: **Nancy Hauser** | Pianist: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Mac Davis & Gordon Goodwin**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Sue Cavanaugh,**  
in *memory of her husband Ron.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Oct. 10 (11:15 am to Noon)**

Please join us for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith.

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3yS9v93>

Meeting ID: 871 4123 8835 | Passcode: 383326

For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the ID and Passcode.

### International Relations in Flux (Presenter: Bill Davnie)

The rise of religious nationalism, the decline of traditional alliances, changing trade patterns, climate change, and more, are affecting the world and the U.S.'s place in it. The class will touch on a range of trends that continue to emerge as we pass from the post-WWII 'Washington Consensus' towards a new world order -- or disorder.

### **Every Meal Program (formerly Sheridan Story)**

Each Friday, participating children take home a bag of meals to help address food insecurity over the weekend. Oak Grove's role is to provide money and volunteers to help distribute bags on Friday mornings (8–8:30 am). All volunteers must present proof of vaccination. Please contact Mary Crampton at [mary.crampton@gmail.com](mailto:mary.crampton@gmail.com) or 612-865-7890 if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

### **Church Administration**

Sue Gjerset, Oak Grove Office Administrator, will be on vacation Oct. 12–18. In her place, church members Sue Greimel, Ruth Dukelow and Jeri Anderson have graciously agreed to fill in and keep things running until she returns.