

*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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**Feb. 6, 2022**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:15 am**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**A Thought to Ponder**

*"I prayed for twenty years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs."*

– Frederick Douglass, American abolitionist

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Karen Gerdes

What does the Lord require of you?

**God has called us to do justice.**

What does the Lord require of you?

**God is embracing us in love and mercy, as we show our neighbors  
love and mercy.**

What does the Lord require of you?

**God desires for us to walk in humility.**

God has told us what is good, and what does God require of us?

**To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.**

**Let us worship God.**

<sup>1</sup> Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God’s love to the last and the least.

<sup>2</sup> We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

<sup>3</sup> We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

<sup>4</sup> Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

Opening Prayer

Karen Gerdes

Ever-loving, ever-giving God, we confess our need for repentance. We have often let the call of the world drown out your call in our lives. We have given in to temptation, to see the world and its resources as ours to use as we please. We have lived too often as if we were the center of the universe, and we have ignored your pervading presence.

Help us move toward repentant, generous hearts, so that we might not just see your great blessings on us but see ways to be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the wonderful name of Christ, our Savior and redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Karen Gerdes

In our worship we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

In every wilderness, on every road; in every moment, in every life; in every journey, in every heart, we receive the daily bread we need – God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

## We Listen for God's Word

<b>Time for the Young &amp; Young at Heart</b>		Mary Koon
<b>Anthem</b>	"Light of the World"	
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 5:13–20 (NT: p. 4   LPNT: p. 5)	Bart Roush
<b>Message</b>		Bart Roush

## Sacrament of Communion

(The Juice is non-alcoholic)

<b>Invitation to the Lord's Table</b>		Bart Roush
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		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.**

*\*Other options include Creator or Mother*

<b>Words of Institution</b>		Bart Roush & Mary Koon
<b>Sharing of the Bread &amp; Cup</b>		Bart Roush & Mary Koon
<b>Prayer following Communion</b>		Mary Koon

## We Go Forth in God's Name

### Closing Hymn

"Take Us as We Are, O God"

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*(in-person, please refrain from singing)*

<sup>1</sup> Take us as we are, O God,  
and claim us as your own.  
As once you chose to tell your love  
in human flesh and bone,  
so let our lives be used to make  
your saving purpose known.

<sup>2</sup> Bless us for your service, Lord;  
no power we devise  
will ever give us strength enough  
or make us truly wise,  
yet by your promise we can know  
the peace your grace supplies.

<sup>3</sup> Break us open to disclose  
how brokenness can heal,  
wherever broken loaves suffice  
to give a crowd a meal  
and graves break open to release  
new life from death's dread seal.

<sup>4</sup> Give us to the world you love  
as light and salt and yeast,  
that we may nourish in your name  
the last, the lost, the least,  
until at length you call us all  
to your unending feast.

### Benediction

Bart Roush

### Postlude



*Participants in worship today include:*

Vocalists: **Karen Gerdes & Emma Wasko;**

Percussion: **Caitlin Lucic;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Bob Gerdes & Gordon Goodwin**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Anne Klueh, Jill Dubis & Paul St. Martin,**  
in *memory* of *mother Audrey St. Martin,* and  
**Anne Campbell, Bill Campbell & Mary Benz,**  
in *memory* of *brother Tom Campbell.*

*An offering plate is available as people exit the sanctuary  
and please be mindful of distancing.*

## Oak Grove Announcements

### **Sunday, Feb. 6: Special Congregational Meeting & Adult Faith Formation**

There will be a short special congregational meeting following worship (~11:00 am) to elect one Elder and three Deacons to fill vacant spots. We will need to secure a quorum of at least 50 people to conduct official church business. The meeting will use the AFF Zoom link (below).

Following the meeting please stay for regular Adult Faith Formation programming and hear more information about Oak Grove's partnership and a chance to visit a bit with our family from Afghanistan.

Join the Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/3n1JnWe>

Meeting ID: 880 2983 3201 | Passcode: 383326

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

### **Per Capita Challenge**

'Per capita' is a set amount of money per member that each congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church. We're celebrating this relationship with our 'Per Capita' challenge for the month of February. We'd like to challenge all members to pay their individual per capita amount (\$36.50). Oak Grove is part of a larger church family reaching out beyond our community to continue our ministry.

You can make a [Per Capita payment online](#) or drop off a check at the church. Thank you for being part of our Oak Grove family!

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### Thanks, Good Neighbor!

Let's make some new connections! The Friendship Committee invites you to help us celebrate those who work hard to make our community safe and welcoming and loving! We invite Oak Grove members and friends to submit names of organizations in our community that model the concept of being a good neighbor. Our committee will randomly draw from the entries each month and will deliver a note and token of thanks from Oak Grove.

In these challenging times, we know there are all kinds of groups who go above and beyond to be community supporters. We envision this as a way to spread encouragement and to build each other up. As Mister Rogers would say, "Let's be looking for the helpers!"

Nominate an organization in our community by filling out this form: <https://bit.ly/3omlRUo> or by calling the church office and sharing your idea for the volunteer to place in the Friendship Committee's mailbox. Thank you!

### Family Sledding Party: Saturday, Feb. 26 (10:30–11:30 am)

Join us at Brookside Park (along Abbott Ave S). Bring a sled and prepare to have a great time!

### SAVE THE DATE! Annual Congregational Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 11:15 am via Zoom. Virtual coffee hour will follow the meeting. We will need to secure a quorum of at least 50 people to conduct official church business. A special email will go out on Monday, Feb. 14 with links for the meeting and the annual report.