

*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. 13, 2022

6th Sunday after Epiphany

10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

A Thought to Ponder

*"We can disagree and still love each other unless your disagreement is
rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist."*

– James Baldwin, American writer and activist

Prelude

Piano Solo

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 119:33–36, 40*)

Becky Dop

Teach us, O God, your ways,

And we will follow your ways until the end.

Grant us understanding, O God,

So that we may follow you with our whole heart.

Turn our hearts to you,

And turn us away from selfish gain.

We long for your ways, O God,

In this time of worship, lead us into righteousness and new life. Amen.

¹ We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

² We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: *(Refrain)*

³ We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: *(Refrain)*

⁴ All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *(Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

Becky Dop

Almighty God, we confess that we are fatigued, tired, distressed, at all that is going on in the world. We are worn out and weary from all of the struggle. Grant us in this time of worship rest for the journey that is ahead of us. Grant us in this time wisdom to choose how we engage and bring change to the world. Grant us in this time your comfort and clarity, knowing that you are still the Lord of Life in the midst of the hardship and despair many of us face. Renew us, give us strength, and guide us to live into your ways of love, mercy, justice, and hope. In the name of Christ, who takes our burden upon himself, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace *(based on Lamentations 3:22–23)*

Becky Dop

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God’s faithfulness.

We go into the world to love one another, knowing that the God of love and peace and justice is with us, renewing us, restoring us, and giving us strength for the journey ahead. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Kate Lindberg

Anthem

Piano Solo

Scripture

Matthew 5:38–48 (NT: p. 5 | LPNT: p. 6)

Message

Prayers of the People

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*

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Hymn*

"Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us"
(in-person, please refrain from singing)

**Make us mindful: love is action,
not a feeling that uplifts.
In each daily situation,
love's the greatest of all gifts.
It's the wiser, stronger person
who will break the chain of hate.
Love can usher in redemption;
love can make a people great.**

**If we love just those who love us,
where's the giving? Where's the grace?
Even sinners try to do this;
they have friends that they embrace.
May we do, Lord, unto others
as we'd have them also do.
You have shown us: Love is action.
May we love, and make things new.**

Benediction

Postlude

Piano Solo

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Tune: Beach Spring



Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;
Guest Musician: **Dale Alexander** | Pianist: **Judy Cooper**;
Hymn Leaders: **Becky Dop & Karen Gerdes**;
Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Randy Dop & Bob Gerdes**

Chancel flowers are given by **Leona & Jack Kley**,
in *memory* of **Leona's brother, Rev. Leon V. Bonikowski, OSFS.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Feb. 13 (11:15 am to Noon)

Please join us for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith. The “Bobs” – Heise and Gerdes – will share the story of the lower-level flooding and progress of the rebuilding, complete with photos!

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!

Annual Congregational Meeting: Feb. 27 (11:15 am)

We will need to secure a quorum of at least 50 people to conduct official church business. An email with links for the meeting and annual report will be sent on Feb. 14.