

*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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**March 6, 2022**

**1st Sunday in Lent**

**10:15 am**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**A Thought to Ponder**

*"I want every girl to know that her voice can change the world."*

– Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Karen Gerdes

Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit,  
even into the uncomfortable places.**

In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger,  
doubt, and temptation.

**As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the  
uncomfortable choices.**

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in  
the One in whom he trusted.

**As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our  
Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

<sup>1</sup> We come to you for healing, Lord,  
of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit’s touch  
we may again be whole.

<sup>5</sup> We come to you, O loving Lord,  
in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days  
your grace will heal, sustain.

<sup>4</sup> Through nights of pain and wakefulness,  
through days when strength runs low,  
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,  
your calming peace to know.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Karen Gerdes

**Holy One, we come to you in this season of Lent crying out to you. We cry out because of war and injustice. We cry out because of violence and oppression. We cry out because the world’s ways and the world’s leaders have failed us again. We cry out for you to save us, O God. We confess that we have been led astray by the world’s power and might. We confess that we have been led astray by worldly understandings of security and strength. We confess that we have sometimes been on the side of the oppressor, and at times have turned away from the cries of others. We confess we have failed to recognize your children in the world, your face in one another. Forgive us. Call us into accountability. Call us into the work of reparation and restoration. Guide us into the work of justice, reconciliation, forgiveness, and healing. (*silent prayer*) In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Grace**

Karen Gerdes

God will continue to lead us out of the wilderness of oppression into the place of hope and healing. God will continue to teach us the way of repentance and forgiveness, if we are open to God’s instruction.

**God’s wisdom is with us: in the scriptures, the sages of old, the lessons from the past, and in our hope for the future, if we believe it, if we cling to it. We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Amen.**

## We Listen for God's Word

<b>Time for the Young &amp; Young at Heart</b>		Mary Koon
<b>Anthem</b>	"Jesus Be With Us"	
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 4:1–11 (NT: p. 3   LPNT: p. 3)	Bart Roush
<b>Message</b>		Bart Roush

## Sacrament of Communion

*The communion elements are self-contained, will be distributed to people in the pews and can be consumed at home after the worship service.*

*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<sup>^</sup> 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.**

*<sup>^</sup>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

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that is to come. Strengthen our faith, increase our love, and let our lives show forth your praise. AMEN.**

## We Go Forth in God's Name

### \*Closing Hymn

"O Christ, Surround 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.

<sup>2</sup> Bind to myself the Name of Holy,  
great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
prophets, apostles, angels witness:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.

<sup>3</sup> Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,  
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,  
depth of the sea to soil of planet:

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:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.

<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

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*



*Participants in worship today include:*

Vocalists: **Don Alman, Becky Dop & Karen Gerdes;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Bob Gerdes & Pierce Flanagan**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Jan Ahlquist,**  
in *honor* of *her grandchildren.*

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

## **Oak Grove Announcements**

### **Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, March 6**

Please join us each Sunday, 11:15 am to noon, for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith.

### **Teaching During a pandemic – real stories from real teachers.**

Please join members Jeanine Radtke, Rachel Enderlein and Heidi Schuchman as they share stories about what they have seen and experienced as educators over the last two years. We've heard in the news about the enormous challenges facing teachers over the last 24 months. This is a wonderful opportunity to listen first-hand to stories and show our support.

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.

### **Basement Restoration Update**

On Monday, Lindstrom Construction finished up their work at Oak Grove with final inspections that were approved by the city of Bloomington. There is still missing hardware and some cosmetic touch-ups that need to be completed but the bottom line is that we can return to the lower level once again. Special thanks to Oak Grove leadership, Building & Operations Committee and all of the volunteers who helped to make this happen.

## Oak Grove Announcements

### **Give to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: March 2–April 17, 2022**

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Thank you!

#### Ways to give:

- Use the special offering envelope
- Use the special envelope in the pew
- Write a check (put OGHS in the memo line)
- Donate by credit card online at:  
<https://onrealm.org/oakgrv/give/oghs>

### **Adult WoW! resumes Wednesday March 9 (7–8:00 pm)**

Adults will participate in a five-week series (via Zoom), "*The Time for Repair*", which is a curriculum written by Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam. The materials explore the theological questions around reparations for Afro-Americans. There is no reading homework, but we will ask participants to keep a journal to reflect on the materials we read and view together each week.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us on this journey and will register your interest with the church office (952-888-4621) by Monday, March 7 so that we can get you a journal designed to go with the curriculum.