

*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 13, 2022**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**10:15 am**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**A Thought to Ponder**

*"Giving women farmers more resources could bring the number of hungry people in the world down by 100–150 million."*

– World Food Programme

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Kate Lindberg

We honor this time and keep it holy,

**Because God makes all moments holy.**

We gather to worship,

**Because we worship God everywhere we are.**

We lift up our prayers and our praise to God now,

**So that our daily life will be a witness of God's love, grace, and mercy.**

Come, worship God, and find the sacred now,

**Come, let us worship God, and find the holy in everyday life.**

<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 per-  
son 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.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Kate Lindberg

Almighty One, we confess that we have not ordered our lives well.  
We have placed our own desires as priorities over what you taught us  
was most important. We have not loved our neighbors and have not  
witnessed your love in our daily lives. Forgive us for our mistakes.  
Forgive us for our selfishness. Forgive us for our short-sightedness.  
Call us into your ways of love. Call us into your ways of reconciliation.  
Call us to order our lives as your son Jesus taught us, to love you,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**\*Assurance of Grace**

Kate Lindberg

In God there is mercy and forgiveness. Put your lives back in order by  
putting God at the center.

We will strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God  
as we witness to God’s love and forgiveness. Amen.

**We Listen for God’s Word**

**Time for the Young & Young at Heart**

Kate Lindberg

**Anthem**

Vocal Solo

**Scripture**

Matthew 12:46–50 (NT: p. 13 | LPNT: p. 16)

Mary Koon

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**                      “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”                      543

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

<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**

Mary Koon

Postlude

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

Soloist: **Cece Klueh**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder, Pierce Flanagan & Al Greimel**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Nancy Hauser**,  
in *memory* of **Darwin**.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, March 13 (11:15 am to Noon)**

Please join us for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith. Anne Klueh will present, “*Living in Covid-times: Exploring perspectives and ways to get through.*”

Anne will guide us in a conversation about changing cultural norms and our reactions to the change and grief we’ve experienced since March of 2020.

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.

### **VEAP March Food & Fund Drive**

We are collecting non-perishable food (unopened and unexpired), paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins) diapers (sizes 5–7) and baby wipes for VEAP. Items will be collected at church through Sunday, April 3. [CLICK HERE](#) for a list of most needed items.

Financial donations are always welcome and provide VEAP with the most flexibility to purchase needed food items from food banks at much lower costs than at grocery stores. Please make checks payable to Oak Grove with VEAP in the memo line.

**THANK YOU!**