

*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 27, 2022

4th Sunday in Lent

10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Thoughts to Ponder

"There are many persons ready to do what is right, because in their hearts they know it is right. But they hesitate, waiting for the other person to make the first move—and they, in turn, wait for you."

– Marian Anderson, African American Singer

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well... for there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go." – Julian of Norwich

Prelude

10,000 Reasons
You Raise Me Up

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Pol & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 32)

Iris Karow

Be glad in God's love! Rejoice in the Spirit!

Shout for joy and sing God's praise!

Happy are we who know of God's love!

Happy are we who know of Christ's grace!

Be glad in God's love! Rejoice in the Spirit!

Shout for joy and sing God's praise!

¹ Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

² Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

³ O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

***Prayer of Confession**

Iris Karow

Loving Father, Gentle Mother, hold us in the arms of your forgiveness and grace. When we run from you or abandon your guiding light, welcome us back with mercy. When we squander your gifts or reject your generosity, love us back into the light of your abundant love. Hear our prayers, dear Lord and be our hiding place of hope and joy.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Iris Karow

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Constitutional Questions

Mary Koon & Mary Pol

Do we, the members of the church accept Kevin as deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? Do we? **We do.**

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Anthem “There Was Jesus”

Scripture Luke 15:1–32 (NT: p. 78 | LPNT: p. 95)

Mary Pol

Message “The Parable of the Loving Parent”

Mary Pol

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.

[^]Other options include Creator or Mother

We Go Forth in God’s Name

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

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**¹ 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.**

**⁵ 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.**

**³ 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.**

***Benediction**

Mary Pol

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

Vocalists: **Cece Klueh & Emma Wasko;**

Bass: **Jessi McKinnon** | Guitar: **Nick Samsal;**

Percussion/Marimba: **Caitlin Lucic;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Greg Johnson, & Al Greimel**

Chancel flowers are given by **Oak Grove,**
in *honor* of *the Roush family.*

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, March 27 (11:15 am to Noon)

Please join us for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith. Simone Frierson, Voter Outreach Director, from the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office will present "Secretary of State 101!"

What are the responsibilities of our Secretary of State, what power does the office confer and what can we do to help make sure that each citizen gets a vote? This is sure to be a time of learning and opportunity.

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.

April 3: We will welcome Andy Scott of ReWild Native Gardens at our first IN-PERSON faith formation in two years to talk about planning a yard with native Minnesota plants and grasses. What a beautiful way to being the spring!

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>

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!**

Oak Grove Announcements

Girl Talk: Sunday, March 27 (cancelled)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Girl Talk has been cancelled for Sunday, March 27. Instead, please join us Sunday, April 24 to be together, catch up, share concerns and support one another. The group is open to all. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

Sunday Worship Services Livestream Changes

Beginning Sunday, April 3, the livestreamed service will no longer appear on the website home page. Instead, you will be invited to click on one of the links to view the livestream either on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). Links to archived videos will be available on the [Sermons](#) web page and on Oak Grove's [YouTube](#) channel. You can also view our live services on Twitter for those of you that have an account. Search for @OGPCBloomington and follow us!

Oak Rovers: Monday, April 4 (5:00 pm)

Meet at Willy McCoys for burgers and fellowship. Call George Wasson, The Iowa Kid, at 952-240-1525 now (before you forget)!

Timberwolves vs. Chicago Bulls: Sunday, April 10 (time: TBD)

Join fellow Oak Grovers to see the Timberwolves take on the Chicago Bulls. Tickets are \$31 (section 210), and we will also participate in the “fan tunnel” (greeting the players as they go out for warmups). All tickets will be digitally delivered to the Timberwolves mobile app so please download the app. Sign up through the Oak Grove website (oakgrv.org) or contact Ron Dubis at 612-868-9194. Please note that this outing is tentative based on Covid guidelines at the time.