

*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**

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431
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April 3, 2022

5th Sunday in Lent

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

A Thought to Ponder

(from the Social Justice Committee in honor of Autism Awareness Month 2022)

"It seems that for success in science and art, a dash of autism is essential."

– Hans Asperger, Austrian physician

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Pol & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Jennifer Pol

Let us begin this day with singing!

God is with us – this world and everything in it belong to God!

God's love makes all of us valid and worthwhile.

So let us celebrate God's presence morning and night.

God reaches out to all – inviting us to lives of meaning and purpose.

Let us worship God in Spirit and truth!

***Opening Hymn**

"God Is Here!" (vss 1, 3, 4)

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***Call to Confession**

Jennifer Pol

For the times we have not kept your word, for the ways we have ignored the cries of the poor, for the times we have refused to love ourselves and others, God in your grace,

Forgive us.

For the hurts we have held too tightly, for the resources we have hoarded and misused, for the judgements that came too easily, God, in your grace,

Forgive us. Turn us around. Make in us new beginnings.

(silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jennifer Pol

God is with us, God is for us – forgiving us, loving us, and encouraging us to step boldly into the future. We are forgiven and freed to begin again.

Thanks be to God!

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mary Pol & Mary Koon

Robin James Koon

Child of Alli & Henry Koon

Assisting Elder: Cece Klueh

(unison) **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Robin, into Christ's Church. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Sending Song

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" (vss 1 & 4) 488

Scripture

Luke 10:38–42 (NT: p. 72 | LPNT: p. 87) Jennifer Pol

Message

"After Jesus Left" Martha: Mary Pol
Mary: Mary Koon

We Respond in God's Name

Call to Offering

Mary Koon

Anthem

“Et In Terra Pax”

Victor C. Johnson

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

And on earth peace to all those of good will.

Doxology

Mary Koon

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

Prayer of Dedication

Mary Koon

**All blessings flow from you, good and generous God. Use these gifts,
and use us, we pray, to be co-creators of your kingdom on earth. AMEN**

Sacrament of Communion

(The juice is non-alcoholic)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Mary Pol

Great Thanksgiving/Ecumenical Lord's Prayer

Mary Pol & Mary Koon

Word's of Institution

Mary Pol & Mary Koon

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Mary Pol & Mary Koon

Prayer following Communion

Mary Koon

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and the
cup of grace. May this food strengthen us in love and send us out to
serve, by the power of your spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus. AMEN**

We Go Forth in God's Name

*Closing Hymn "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (vss 1, 3, 5) 543

*Benediction Mary Pol

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Musicians: **Chancel Choir**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder, Bob Gerdes & Greg Johnson**

Chancel flowers are given by **Howard Baumgartner**,
in *memory* of *his wife Susan and their parents*, and
Courtney & Mike Ramirez, in *honor* of *National Donate Life Month*.

Greeter: **Nancy Kachel**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VEAP March Food & Fund Drive: Final Weekend!

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.

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

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

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.

Ways to give: Use the offering or special envelope in the pew, write a check (put OGHS in the memo line) or donate by credit card online at: <https://onrealm.org/oakgrv/give/oghs>. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Sunday Worship Services Livestream Changes

Beginning Sunday, April 3, the livestreamed service will no longer appear on the website home page. Instead, the top of the home page will have links for you to click on to view the livestream on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). Services will also be archived on the [Sermons](#) web page and on Oak Grove's [YouTube](#) channel.

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)!

Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, April 5 (noon)

Join us for "*Burgers 'n' Brew*" the first Tuesday of the month at Zeke's Place (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd). This event pairs young(er) and old(er) men for a time of fellowship while enjoying lunch. Pick up someone who needs a ride and develop new friendships.

Oak Grove Announcements

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 *no later than April 3*. Please note that this outing is tentative based on Covid guidelines at the time.

ShredRight Youth Fundraiser: Saturday, April 23 (10am–noon)

Collect any old, unneeded documents containing personal information. Fill paper grocery bags or boxes with materials to shred. Bring your items to the Oak Grove parking lot. Make a donation of \$10/bag, watch as your documents are securely shredded and support Oak Grove youth!

Spring Clean Up at Oak Grove: Saturday, April 30 (9am–noon)

Please join us in the Oak Grove parking lot for a few hours of camaraderie with fellow Oak Grovers. Bring your rake and some gloves. Coffee and rolls will be provided. A prize drawing will be held for tickets to a sports event.

Mobile Blood Drive at Oak Grove: Thursday, May 5 (12–5:00 pm)

Oak Grove is hosting another blood drive. Please say “yes” if you are called to donate. As this is a mobile blood drive, it is strongly recommended to sign up in advance to secure a time that works best for you: <https://bit.ly/3IN9p7p>. Questions? Contact Stephen Jones at stephenfj2002@yahoo.com or 952-884-7711. Thank you!