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seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.
Loving God... Changing Lives!*



**OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

8:15 am & 10:45 am

A Thought to Ponder

“Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.”

– Clarence W. Hall, Author

We Gather in Wonder at the Empty Tomb

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Choral Introit "All Shall Be Well"

John Foley

Call to Worship

Karen Alonzi

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Leader: Look, the stone is rolled away!

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: Look, the cloth is set aside!

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: Look, the tomb is filled with light!

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: Christ is risen indeed!

All: Hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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*Prayer of Confession

Karen Alonzi

Leader: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and violence. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.

People: Forgive us, God of mercy.

Leader: We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, the very ones Christ came to save.

People: Forgive us, God of mercy.

Leader: Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new.

People: Help us to know the joy of life abundant, given through the risen Christ.

*Hymn

“Thine Is the Glory” (verse 1)

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*Assurance of Grace

Karen Alonzi

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Death is destroyed!

People: Life is restored!

Leader: Sin is no more!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

We Listen to the Story of Life Over Death

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Sending Song

“Thine Is the Glory” (verse 2)

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Scripture

Matthew 28:1–10 (NT: p. 33 | LPNT: p. 41)

Bart Roush

Message

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*Affirmation of Faith

Bart Roush

Leader: We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,

People: whose Spirit empowers us to remove barriers, tear down walls, heal divisions, and seek peace without and within.

Leader: We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,

People: whose Spirit empowers us to see our sister’s good as our own, to be our brother’s advocate, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to contribute to the well-being of every part of Christ’s body,

All: so that indeed we can build up, and grow up, and be joined together into a new structure: Where Christ’s Spirit dwells, where Christ’s Spirit empowers us, to be peace-seekers, peace-finders, and peacemakers.

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 Respond to the Empty Tomb

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Bart Roush

Anthem/Offertory

“Crown Him Lord of All”

arr. Mitchell Covington

***Doxology**

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**

Karen Alonzi

Eternal God, on this Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus’ faithfulness to your vision of love and justice, and your faithfulness to him through the Resurrection. We celebrate your love that knows each of us by name. We pray that these gifts may truly be symbols of our faithful discipleship and that they may bless the world with Jesus’ love. Amen!

We Go into the World as Alleluia People

***Closing Hymn**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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***Benediction**

Bart Roush

Leader: May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you in love, and fill you with joy.

People: We shall celebrate Easter! Alleluia! We will live our lives to the Glory of God, and live in Easter joy and Easter hope.

Leader: May the blessing of God be upon your homes, the blessing of Christ be upon us, the blessing of the Spirit be on us all.

Chorale Benediction “Hallelujah Chorus”

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastors: **Bart Roush & Mary Koon;**

Liturgist: **Karen Alonzi;**

Musicians: **Chancel Choir** | Director: **Judy Cooper;**

Organ: **Nancy Hauser**

Trumpet: **Brandon McKinnon** | Saxophone: **Dale Copeland;**

Flute: **Enid Lang** | Piano: **Jill Dubis;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Pierce Flanagan & Greg Johnson**

Greeters: **Bob & Bev Heise** (8:15 am)

and **Allison, Seth, Grace, Leo & Ulysses Thomas** (10:45 am)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Oak Rovers Events

Pancake Breakfast: Friday, April 22 (8:30 am)

Applewood Pointe (84th & Lyndale). Cost is \$5; call Don at 952-831-4460 to RSVP.

Willy McCoys: Monday, May 2 (4:45 pm) and/or Bloomington Artistry Theater (7:30 pm, pay-what-you-can) for the play "Memphis." Call George at 952-240-1525) to RSVP by April 29.

Pizza & Cards: Saturday, May 14 (5:00 pm–?pm)

Applewood Pointe (84th & Lyndale). Cost is \$10; call Nancy or Mike (952-831-5180) to RSVP by May 7.

Maxine Engberg Memorial Service: Saturday, April 23

Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Maxine. We will gather together at Oak Grove to remember our wonderful friend who will be greatly missed. Visitation begins at 10:00 am following by the service at 11:00 am. The service will also be available via live-stream for those unable to attend in person.

<https://www.oakgrv.org/service-engberg/>

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 Cleaning? Think of Bridging

If you are spring cleaning and have household items and gently used furniture, Bridging would welcome your donations. Since the pandemic, supplies are down but the need for help has increased. You can drop off your donations at 201 W 87th St (Bloomington). Please check their website (<https://bridging.org>) to see what items are needed and the hours of operation.

Since 1987, the impact Bridging has made in the lives of local families in need, the environment, and its volunteer community is monumental. Each year, Bridging continues to bring hope and stability to more than 14,000 people in need.

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Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, April 24 (9:15–10:15 am)

The Green Committee will offer a walking tour of different sites around the church where we are moving to clean, non-polluting renewable energy and clean water. The tour will show our LED lights, solar panels, wind energy, electric vehicle charging, rain gardens, air source heat pumps and all the insulation and sealing of our building to cut energy use and switch to carbon-free sources.

Find out what we are doing to protect God's Creation and pass on a livable Earth to our future generations and how you can do many of these things in your own homes and workplaces. The tour will be streamed on Facebook Live so you can take the tour from a seat in the Fireside Room or from your home. We hope you join us!

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!

Communion

Good news, we are once again serving in-person communion at our worship services. This means that the Worship & Music Committee is now lining up people to serve communion the first Sunday of the month. Services will begin at 10:45 am until Memorial Day Weekend when we switch to our summer schedule (9:30 am) which will last through Labor Day Weekend. Please contact Jeri Anderson at ande2504@umn.edu for more information and to sign up. Thank you!

Church Hours: The church office will be closed Monday, April 18. We will reopen at 8:30 am on Tuesday, April 19.