



*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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April 24, 2022

Earth Day Sunday

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

A Thought to Ponder in Honor of Earth Day

"To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash." – Bill Nye, Scientist and Author

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Rod Myers

The heavens praise your marvels, God...

Yours are the heavens, yours the earth:

You founded the world and everything in it.

Let us worship God with our whole being!

*Opening Hymn

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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*Prayer of Confession

Rod Myers

Gracious God, all that we have, all that we are is a gift from you.

Forgive us for the ways we destroy the land, sky, sea and wildlife

you so generously placed in our care. Forgive us for the carbon we

have poured in the air and the soil, and have mercy on us for the

ways we have placed our water in jeopardy. By your Spirit, transform

our attitudes and practices so that we can have hope of saving Your

creation. Inspire us to use and advocate for renewable energy,

healthy soil, and clean water as we seek to heal our magnificent

earth for future generations.

*Assurance of Pardon

Rod Myers

By the grace of the living God, we are forgiven. Free to begin again as God's stewards of this planet.

Thanks be to God.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Sending Song (sung to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King") 15

**All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!**

**Praise ye Creator, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Scripture Genesis 1:26–31a (OT: p. 1 | LPOT: p. 2)
Psalm 24:1–2 (OT: p. 502 | LPOT: p. 617)

Message "Earth Stewards"

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Look at the World" *John Rutter*

*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 Thanksgiving & Care of the Earth (*slideshow*)

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 of the Sparrow” (vss 1–2 & 6)

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***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Mary Koon;**

Liturgist: **Rod Myers;**

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

Organist: **Nancy Hauser**

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Bob Gerdes, & Greg Johnson**

Greeter: **Carol Osweiler**



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Svea Kanne** (April 19, 2022) who joined the church triumphant. “In Life and Death we belong to God.”

Oak Grove Announcements

From the Mission Committee: Thanks!

We would like to thank all who contributed to the March VEAP Food Shelf Drive. There were 145 pounds of diapers and paper products donated, which is a large quantity. In addition, there was also \$1,095 in cash donations contributed. From VEAP and the Oak Grove Mission Committee, **THANK YOU** to the congregation for your participation in this much needed cause.

“Made in Minnesota” Concert: Sunday, April 24 (3:00 pm)

The River Heights Chorale will present their spring concert, “Made in Minnesota,” in the Oak Grove sanctuary. The Chorale has presented Christmas and Spring Concerts here many times (pre-pandemic). River Heights Chorale is a volunteer choir committed to sharing quality music with the community and to help students, through scholarships, achieve their musical goals. Singers will be masked, and audience members are asked to wear masks, per our building protocols. No tickets are needed but donations will be accepted.

Svea Kanne Memorial Service: Friday, April 29

Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Svea. We will gather together at Oak Grove to remember our wonderful friend who will be greatly missed. Visitation begins at 10 am followed by the service at 11 am which will also be available via livestream for those unable to attend in person. Light refreshments will be available after the service.

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

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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.

Upcoming Oak Rovers Events

- 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.

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!

Rainbow Fellowship

The Rainbow Fellowship is returning to Oak Grove! You're invited to drop in across the hall after service on Sunday, May 15 for some quick snacks and an opportunity to learn about The Rainbow Fellowship. Can't wait to see you there!

Pledge Card
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Earth Day 2022

Replace all incandescent and CFL lights with LEDs.

Have an energy audit done of your home and follow its recommendations.

Caulk, weather strip and seal your windows, doors and holes to stop air leaks and drafts. Add more insulation where appropriate.

Lower the thermostat setting for heat and increase it for air conditioning. Reduce the temperature settings on your water heater to 120 degrees or less.

Replace your natural gas furnace with air source heat pumps (ASHP). Replace natural gas appliances with electrics. Replace gasoline-powered tools such as lawnmowers with battery electrics.

Purchase WindSource (Xcel) or Wellspring (Dakota Electric) or other program for 100% renewable energy (wind or solar) to your home via the grid for an additional charge of 6-11% AND/OR install rooftop solar on your home AND/OR subscribe to a community solar garden.

Eat less meat, especially beef from feedlots. Eat a lot of plant based food raised on farms practicing regenerative farming techniques that help build soil health, sequester carbon and reduce storm water run-off.

Drive less. Bike, walk, carpool, rideshare. Make your next car purchase a Plug-in hybrid (PHEV) or Electric Vehicle (EV). Attend the Oak Grove EV Expo on Saturday, Sept 17.

Conserve water by not watering your lawn, taking fewer/shorter baths and showers and eating fewer foods that are irrigated.

Don't buy stuff you don't need or stuff for single use. Reuse. Recycle, and Mulch. Compost everything that is compostable including food scraps, leaves, yard waste. Aim for Zero Waste at your curbside every week!

Be politically involved. Work for candidates and policies who offer science-based solutions to protect natural ecosystems, to rapidly decarbonize our energy, housing, and transportation systems and who oppose the building of new fossil fuel infrastructure.

Divest your portfolio of investments in companies that are actively working to destroy the livability of our Earth for future generations.

