



*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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**May 1, 2022**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**10:45 am**

## We Gather in God's Name

### A Thought to Ponder in Honor of National Prayer Day

*"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" – Corrie ten Boom*

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Mary Koon

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship

Kat Wenz

We worship God, who accepts us for who we are!

**God has given us all meaning and purpose in life.**

We worship God, who forms us into loving community!

**We join together as God's family to thrive as people called to serve with compassion. Let us worship God!**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Here in This Place"

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### \*Morning Prayer

Violette Gibson Lagani

**Gracious God, thank you for loving us, even though we are not perfect. Help us to accept others without judgement and act kindly toward all we meet. We are grateful for friends and family, for prayer, and for Oak Grove. Help us to grow from our failures and mistakes. Show us how to be generous and humble. Lead us through adventures that will help us grow, and give us perseverance to face challenges. Let the passions you have placed within us come alive in our lives and the world. We pray in the name of Jesus. AMEN**

## \*We Listen for God's Word

### Time for the Young & Young at Heart

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### Sending Song

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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**<sup>1</sup> Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! (Refrain) In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Scripture** Galatians 3: 26–29 Vaughn Sheff  
(NT: p. 188 | LPNT: p. 230)

**Message** Vaughn Sheff

## **Celebration of Confirmands**

**Introductions** Vaughn Sheff

Confirmand Covenant Partner

Katrin (Kat) Linnea Wenz (she/her) Amy Zsohar

Violette Jane Gibson Lagani (she/her) Milissa Carter

Nat Myers (they/them) Amy Zsohar

## **Prayer from Covenant Partners**

### **Congregational Welcome**

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the common life of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s image as we love God and change lives.**

## **Special Presentation**

### **Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

#### **Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory** “Praise the Living God Who Sings” *John Helgen*

### **\*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** Nat Myers

**Good and generous God, we praise you and thank you for the gifts you so freely give. Use this offering and use us, we pray, to be co-creators of a world of peace, justice, hope and healing. AMEN**

**Sacrament of Communion**  
(The juice is non-alcoholic)

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Mary Koon

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*on screens*)

**Word's of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

**Prayer following Communion**

**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 encourage us in service. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen**

**We Go Forth in God's Name**

**\*Closing Hymn**

"For Everyone Born" (vss 1–3 & 5)

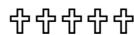
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**\*Benediction**

Vaughn Sheff

**Postlude**

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



*Additional participants in worship today include:*

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

Organist: **Nancy Hauser**

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Bob Gerdes & Gordon Goodwin**

Chancel flowers are given by The **Greimels**, in *honor* of **Sue's mother, Jean Mooney's 89th birthday**, and **Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten & Noel Eggebraaten**, in *loving memory of our parents & Mary's sister*.

Greeters: **Adam, Carrie & Evan Wilkens**

# Oak Grove Announcements

## From the Supportive Housing Committee

During the month of May, the Supportive Housing Committee will be holding a fundraiser to benefit Oasis for Youth in advance of their Grand Re-Opening of the drop-in center on Thursday, May 19 (5:30–7:30 pm).

Please check out our display on the table in the narthex, where you will find some envelopes with suggested amounts written on them. There will also be envelopes marked to fund a specific need at Oasis. Choose a donation amount that fits your budget or choose a more ambitious fund-a-need amount that can be filled with a group of friends.

Once the envelope has been filled, we ask that you bring it back to church by Wednesday, May 18. And then please come to the Grand Re-Opening to see how your support has been, and continues to be, a vital part of the services that Oasis provides and that have an immediate impact on the youth in our community.

## Communion

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. For more information and to sign up, please contact Jeri Anderson at [ande2504@umn.edu](mailto:ande2504@umn.edu). Thank you!

## **Oak Grove Announcements**

### **Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, May 3 (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.

### **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](mailto:stephenfj2002@yahoo.com) or 952-884-7711. Thank you!

### **Oak Rovers 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.

### **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!