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*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 8, 2022**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**10:45 am**

### **Thoughts to Ponder**

*“Every time you spend money, you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want.” – Anna Lappe*

*“You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing, there will be no results.” – Mahatma Gandhi*

## We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude** "Divinum Mysterium" *Fred Gramann*

**Welcome & Announcements** Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** Travis Scott

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Beloved community, faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

**The conviction of things not seen!**

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

**We come seeking God's face in the wisdom of those who have only walked a few seasons on this earth,**

We come listening for God's voice in the strength of those who have journeyed for many years.

**We come to witness God's grace, embodied in this holy, imperfect community.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Opening Hymn** "Hymn of Promise" 250

**\*Prayer of Confession** Travis Scott

**Restorer of Life, sometimes we wish there wasn't such a great cloud of witnesses! We try to be the people you call us to be but there are things we have done which we wish had not been witnessed. There are things we have said which we wish had never been heard. There are things we could have done or might have said, and we didn't. Ever present, God, hear our prayer, forgive us, and help us to forgive ourselves, that we might recover our sense of light and let it shine with faith and hope. Amen.**

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Travis Scott

Friends, we are created in the image of God and blessed with gifts to build up the community of faith. God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Know that you are forgiven, loved, and blessed.

**Thanks be to God!**

## We Listen for God's Word

### Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Deb DeMeester

### Sending Song

"Song of Hope"

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**May the God of hope go with you every day, Filling all your lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all; Working for a world that's news, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

### Anthem

"O Waly, Waly"

*arr. Joshua Evanovich*

### Scripture

Hebrews 11:1–3...12:2a  
(NT: p. 225 | LPNT: p. 273)

Deb DeMeester

### Message

"Navigation Tools"

Deb DeMeester

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

#### Call to Offering

#### Anthem/Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*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**



## **Oak Grove Announcements**

### **Special Offering: Pentecost (April 18–June 5, 2022)**

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. Ways to give include writing a check (put Pentecost in the memo line) or donating online at:

<https://onrealm.org/oakgrv/give/pentecost>. Thank you!

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the youth who confirmed their baptismal vows last Sunday! We are delighted to welcome Violette Gibson Lagani, Katrin (Kat) Wenz, and Nat Myers into membership at Oak Grove. Each youth took part in the worship service and did a beautiful job sharing the story of the art on their stoles. We are grateful for their families, their Covenant Partners, Milissa Carter and Amy Zsohar, youth director Kate Lindberg, and youth counselor Chad Acker.

We want to thank Vaughn Sheff for leading confirmation for the last eight years and wish him many blessings as he steps down from that role. Vaughn has had a profound impact on the lives of many young people and created a welcoming space for learning, growth and fun. We also recognize Jane Propsom, who retired last year after serving with Vaughn for seven years. We love you all!!!

# **Oak Grove Announcements**

## **Graduation Sunday: June 5**

We will celebrate Pentecost and honor our high school graduates during worship. It is also our tradition to recognize those who are graduating from college, vocational school or graduate school. If you or someone in your family fits one of these categories, please let the church office know!

## **Rainbow Fellowship**

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 Rainbow Fellowship. Can't wait to see you there!

## **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.