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**OAK GROVE**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**May 15, 2022**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**10:45 am**

## Thought to Ponder

*“Once I was in Victoria, and I saw a very large house. They told me it was a bank and that the white men place their money there to be taken care of, and that by and by they got it back with interest. We are Indians and we have no such bank; but when we have plenty of money or blankets, we give them away to other chiefs and people, and by and by they return them with interest, and our hearts feel good. Our way of giving is our bank.”*

– Chief Maquinna, Nootka

## We Gather in God’s Name

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship

Tatum Gillies

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

**Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

**Gather us in, the young and the old.**

Gather us in, to sing of God’s works.

**Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.**

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

**Gather us in, to know of God’s love.**

### \*Opening Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

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### \*Prayer of Confession

Tatum Gillies

**Creator God, we confess that we live in a world you did not intend for us. You created us all and called us good; we built walls and ways of dividing others by race and gender, sexual orientation and politics and economics. You made a vast universe full of mystery and wonder, and we made redlining and institutionalized racism, policies that take**

from those who have little to give to those who have more. You called us to be fruitful and multiply but did not call us to restrict and judge and cause harm to others. Call us back to your ways, and remind us of your intention for us to care for the earth and for all of creation in the way possible, through the love you gave for us. Call us back to you, to your way of love. In the name of Christ, we pray,

**\*Assurance of Pardon** (*based on Romans 8:38–39*)

Tatum Gillies

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**We are made in God’s image. We are beloved by God. Christ laid down his life for us, for all of us, and in Christ we have new life. We are loved and restored and forgiven. We will go and share the good news, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### **We Listen for God’s Word**

**Time for the Young & Young at Heart**

Mary Koon

**Sending Song**

“Near or Far”

*J McKinnon*

**Near or far apart, you’re always in my heart. God’s love is here to stay, close and far away. Resting in God’s peace, praying for God’s hope, serving God’s joy, united in God’s love.**

**Scripture**

Matthew 9:35–10:8 (NT: p. 9 | LPNT: p. 11)

Bart Roush

**Message**

Bart Roush

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory**

“Song of Prayer”

*Charles Garner*

## \*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**

## 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 Go Forth in God's Name

## \*Closing Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

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## \*Benediction

Bart Roush

## Postlude

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Liturgist: **Tatum Gillies;**

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

Organist: **Nancy Hauser;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Ruth Dukelow, Randy Dop & Pierce Flanagan**

Chancel flowers are given by **Carol Long**, in *memory* of **parents, Maynard (Scott) & Grace.**

Greeters: **Paula & Frank Uvodich**

## **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 for your consideration.

### **Rainbow Fellowship: Sunday, May 15**

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

### **Afghan Partner Family Update and Other Resettling Families**

Visit the link below for updates on our Afghan Partner Family and ideas/suggestions for ways to participate in sharing with our newest neighbors (money, gift cards, wish list items). Thank you, Oak Grove, for your steadfastness in this partnership! <https://bit.ly/3ywyAK0>

# Oak Grove Announcements

## Oasis Fundraiser

The Supportive Housing Committee will be holding a fundraiser to benefit Oasis for Youth in advance of their Grand Re-Opening. 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.

## Oasis Grand Re-Opening: Thursday, May 19 (5:30–7:30 pm)

Join us for a celebration of community. There will be free grilled fare (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.), family activities, tours and opportunities to meet the Oasis staff. We hope to see you there!

## 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!