



*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

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431
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May 22, 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

10:45 am

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“When Europeans arrived on this continent, they blew it with the Native Americans. They plowed over them, taking as much as they could of their land and valuables, and respecting almost nothing about the native cultures. They lost the wisdom of the indigenous peoples-wisdom about the land and connectedness to the great web of life...We have another chance with all these refugees. People come here penniless but not cultureless. They bring us gifts. We can synthesize the best of our traditions with the best of theirs. We can teach and learn from each other to produce a better America...”

– Mary Pipher, American clinical psychologist and author

We Gather in God’s Name

Prelude

“Day by Day” & “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Stephen Jones

The Good News is proclaimed to the world!

We are witnesses of these things.

Hope is alive, in the acts of kindness we share with one another;

We are witnesses of these things.

Joy is palpable, in the celebration of the risen Christ!

We are witnesses of these things.

Your sins are forgiven, and you have new life, now and always—

We are witnesses of these things.

***Opening Hymn**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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***Prayer of Confession**

Stephen Jones

Holy One, we confess that we lose faith. We become comfortable with the things wrong in this world. We become content with systemic sin when it benefits us. We accept that there are things we cannot change without striving for justice. Forgive us.

Call us back into right-living: to remember the commandments, to work for justice in loving-kindness, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Remind us that your way of life is not simply a ticket to heaven but a transformation of our very selves. Forgive us of our sins and love us into your way.

***Assurance of Grace** (*based on Lamentations 3:22–23*)

Stephen Jones

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” God’s steadfast love never ends. God loves you, right now, and will always love you.

There is no place we can hide, no place we can get lost, where God will not be with us. We are loved, forgiven, and restored. Alleluia! Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Kate Lindberg & Mary Koon

Recognition of Faith Formation Leaders

Congregational response: **Loving God, We remember our role as life-long learners and followers of Jesus. We thank you for Karen, Linda, Marleen, Laura, Sue, Anne, Cece, Caitlin, Amy, Chad, Vaughn and Cecelia and thank you for all who support the teaching and learning that takes place in this congregation. We are grateful for the hours they devoted to this ministry, for their flexibility, strong faith, and love for your people. Bless them with refreshment and rest this summer. Bless us all with the passion to meditate on Your word, love generously, persevere boldly and share the stories of faith. AMEN**

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.

Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Stephen Jones;**

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

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder, Randy Dop & Chris Diller**

Chancel flowers are given by **Linda & Greg Johnson,**
in *honor* of the *dedicated handbell choir.*

Greeter: **Carol McCarthy**

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

Our membership includes people from a dozen different birth nations (see our flag display in the narthex) and we are proud to be a Matthew 25, Green Care and More Light Congregation.

The congregation of Oak Grove values its roots that go back more than 150 years, even as we follow the movement of the Spirit into new ways of being and doing.

We always welcome your suggestions.



Prayer Requests

Please contact the church office to let us know when you have new requests or updates for family and friends, or when a death occurs so we can support and care for you or your loved one.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Schedule

Next Sunday, May 29, we will begin our summer schedule of worship at 9:30 am. It is Memorial Day Weekend, and we will honor the day by remembering Oak Grove members who have died since March of 2020.

It will be a time to affirm the presence of God, to name our hurts, and to claim God's promises. We hope you will be there!

Restorative Actions at Oak Grove

The conversation around the racial wealth gap started at Oak Grove with a car ride discussion between Jim Koon and Pastor Jermaine, who served at Oak Grove, back in 2017.

From that discussion, and many more with many others seeking to do something about the racial wealth gap, the economic justice initiative Restorative Actions was born. Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/3yKPOUb>

Youth & Young Adult Ministries

We are looking for two more Youth leaders. Our youth are amazing people. In working with them you will receive more than you give. Feel free to talk with Vaughn Sheff, Amy Zsohar, or Chad Acker to hear of their experiences.

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. You can write a check (put Pentecost in the memo line) or donate online at:

<https://onrealm.org/oakgrv/give/pentecost>.

Thank you!

Summer Suppers: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June, July and August!

Summer Suppers is a wonderful way for the Oak Grove community to be together in a relaxed way over the summer. We will gather on someone's porch or lawn for a pot-luck dinner at 6 pm. Due to Covid, we haven't been able to do this in years, and we understand that folks are eager to begin again.

Kathy Tominiski is putting together a list of people who are willing to open their patios, yards, garages, for people to gather. Please plan to bring something to share (salad, main dish, dessert, etc.); whatever food shows up is our supper! If you are interested in hosting, please contact Kathy (952-888-0697). Thanks so much!

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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. Please let the church office know if you or someone in your family fits one of these categories!

Woven Voices Spring Concert: Sunday, June 5 (4–5:00 pm)

Woven Voices is a chamber choir composed of experienced singers from various Minnesota-based choirs. We come together to joyfully explore and share choral literature written for soprano and alto voices.

We will be presenting our Spring Concert in the Oak Grove sanctuary; two of our Oak Grove members are in Woven Voices! Masking will be required, and you must be COVID symptom-free to attend.

No ticket required, free will offer gratefully accepted. If you have any questions, you may visit mnwovenvoices.com, or contact Becky Dop at becky.dop@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Communion Server Training: Sunday, June 12

You don't need to be an ordained member to serve communion! All are welcome to participate – adults, youth, and children!

Since the pandemic interrupted our normal activities, including serving communion in person, a brief training session will be held immediately following 9:30 am worship.

Please join us in the sanctuary as we brush up on the instructions for passing the trays for communion and for communion by intinction. Contact Jeri Anderson (952-210-3614 or ande2504@umn.edu) to sign up for the training. We hope to see you there!

Join us at a Twins Game!

Please note that this outing is tentative based on Covid guidelines at the time. We return to Target Field on Sunday, August 21 (first pitch is at 1:10 pm) to cheer on the Twins vs. the Texas Rangers.

We will be in section 302 (rows 3–6) and tickets are \$17. Sign up via the church website (<https://www.oakgrv.org/game/>). Questions? Contact Ron Dubis (612-868-9194).

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Oak Rovers Boat Cruise: Monday, July 25 (sign up by June 15)

The cruise is on Lake Minnetonka (11:30 am to 1 pm) and includes lunch. The cost is \$24 and needs to be paid in advance to secure tickets. Please pay by cash or check (made out to Darlene Thronson) by June 15. Questions? Contact Darlene at 952-446-7088 or 612-719-8093.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Join other Oak Grove men for a time of fellowship while enjoying breakfast. The group meets weekly on Thursdays (7:30 am) at Denny's (4209 American Blvd W, Bloomington 55437).

Bible Study

Join Pastor Bart and/or Pastor Mary each week on Thursdays (noon–1:00 pm) via Zoom to look at the scripture that will be the basis for the sermon the following Sunday. No pre-reading is needed. We will read the scripture together and then dive in!

Oak Grove Softball

Come cheer on the Oak Grove softball team Tuesdays at Dred Scott Field #7 (10820 Bloomington Ferry Rd). It's a great time to re-connect with other Oak Grovers and hopefully see a victory!

Standings/Schedule: <https://bit.ly/3L1rgZH>

Church Office Hours

- Monday–Thursday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
- Friday: 8:30 am to noon

Please note that the church office will be closed Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact us at 952-888-4621 or ogpc@oakgrv.org. For the protection and care of each other, if you need to enter the church for any reason, please bring and wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, we can provide one for you.



The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of
Zara Lucie Lefebvre, who was born on May 16.
Parents are Amy & Nate Lefebvre, and big sister is Helena.

Welcome Zara!
