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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 29, 2022**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 am**

## **A Thought to Ponder** (from the Social Justice Committee)

*“A hungry stomach cannot hear.”* – Jean de La Fontaine, 17th c French poet

### **We Gather in God’s Name**

**Prelude**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”  
“On Eagle’s Wings”

Marimba

**Welcome & Announcements**

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 92*)

Iris Karow

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God’s Holy Name,

**To declare our steadfast love in the morning and our faithfulness by night, to sing God’s praise to the music of the organ and harp.**

For it is God who has made us, and it is God who lifts us up,

**when our strength and power are no longer with us, and our spirits are worn down, then we lift our voice again to sing of God’s steadfast love.**

Lift up your spirits, and raise your voices in praise,

**for we come to celebrate life and God’s good gifts, and remember those who have journeyed with us and the loving God who keeps us and walks with us. Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

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**\*Opening Prayer**

Iris Karow

**O God, we rest in the thought that even as seasons come and go while sun, moon and stars journey through their courses, you are faithful in season and out. Your Spirit is never far from us, nor are we ever beyond the touch of your loving hand; even darkness cannot hide us from your graceful presence. Your love is our greatest joy, and it keeps us both day and night. Indeed, you touch us with your love, and we are renewed. Your love fills us when empty, it lifts us when low, it gathers us when scattered, it holds us when shaken, it comforts us when grieving.**

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Even as we sing with all nature and give thanks to you for life, we need the healing grace of your presence. As we gather to celebrate life, we feel the pain of death; as we sing in gratitude, we are saddened by loss; as we embrace in love, we are torn by separation. Keep us in your embrace, O God, so we may never forget the witness of all your saints that death does not win the battle, but is itself overcome by love. Lead us now into the holy place where we may rest in your presence and be renewed. Amen.

### We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Sending Song

"Jesus Loves Me!"

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Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." (*refrain*)

Scripture

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Meditation

Bart Roush

Stones of Remembrance

<b>Hymn</b>	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	834
<b>Scripture</b>	Romans 8:31–35, 37–39 (NT: p. 158   LPBT: p. 192)	Mary Koon
<b>Meditation</b>		Mary Koon

## **Litany of Remembrance**

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence.

**We have wept for those we have lost, for those we could not hug, for life events not fully celebrated. Give us faith to see, beyond touch and sight, some sure sign of your kingdom, and, where vision fails, to trust your love which never fails.**

O God, before whom generations rise and pass away, we thank you and praise you for all your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you. Especially we thank you for those we have lost since March 2020, whose baptism is now complete in death.

*(Reading of Names)*

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,  
**we remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
**we remember them.**

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,  
**we remember them.**

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,  
**we remember them.**

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,  
**we remember them.**

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
**we remember them.**

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When we are weary and in need of strength,

**we remember them.**

When we are lost and sick at heart,

**we remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share,

**we remember them.**

So long as we live, they too shall live,

**for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.**

Hear our prayers, O God. Heal, restore, and give us hope. Fill us with your peace. In all things remind us of your love, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying...

**Our Father<sup>^</sup> 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*

## **Stones of Remembrance**

**Hymn**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” (vss 1, 3-4)

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## **Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory**

“In This Very Room”

*Ron & Carol Harris*

## **\*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**

## We Go Forth in God's Name

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” (vss 1, 3–4)

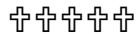
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**\*Benediction**

Bart Roush

**Postlude**

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Liturgist: **Iris Karow;**

Marimba: **Caitlin Lucic** | Piano: **Jill Dubis;**

Director of Music/Piano: **Judy Cooper;**

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

Chancel flowers are given **from his family,**  
in *memory* of **Steve St. Martin.**

Greeters: **Rick & Jeanne Wahtera**

## Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

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

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

### **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>.

### **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.

### **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. Masking will be required, and you must be COVID symptom-free to attend. No ticket required, free will offering gratefully accepted.

If you have any questions, you may visit [mnwovenvoices.com](http://mnwovenvoices.com), or contact Becky Dop at [becky.dop@gmail.com](mailto:becky.dop@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you!

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

Summer Suppers is a wonderful opportunity 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 potluck dinner at 6 pm.

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!

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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](mailto:ande2504@umn.edu)) to sign up for the training. We hope to see you there!

### **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. Tickets are \$24 and need to be purchased in advance. 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.

### **Vanatta Memorial Garden**

The long awaited Vanatta Memorial Garden will be planted with native plants in the columbarium area the afternoons of June 22 and 23.

Jane Horn is looking for volunteers to help plant the garden and/or to maintain a section of it. If you can help, please contact her at 763-447-7222 or at [oyjane2@gmail.com](mailto:oyjane2@gmail.com).

### **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>

### **Join us at a Twins Game!**

We return to Target Field on Sunday, Aug. 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).