



*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
952-888-4621 | www.oakgrv.org

June 12, 2022

Pride Sunday

9:30 am

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Why is it that, as a culture, we are more comfortable seeing two men holding guns than holding hands?” – Ernest Gaines, American author

We Gather in God’s Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship/Lighting of the Red Candle

All you who delight in the beauty and diversity of our Creator.

Thanks be to God who blesses the peculiar and rejoices in the uniqueness of every body and being.

The Holy takes on flesh in every gender and sexual orientation, every race and ability, every body size and body type.

Each embodied difference is a unique glimpse of Holy Wonder.

Blessed are those who search for God among the lives of the oppressed, the betrayed, the turned-away, and the condemned.

Blessed are those who find joy in the gifts of God enfleshed among us.

We light the red candle, symbolizing life in all its richness.

Come, let us worship, learn, and celebrate together.

***Opening Hymn**

“Let Us Build a House” (vss 1–2, 5)

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***Opening Prayer**

God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works. You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation. In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings, free us from narrow thinking that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us. Amen.

Lighting of the Orange Candle

We light the orange candle, symbolizing healing. We are all in need of God's touch of grace and wholeness. As scripture assures, "If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast."
(Psalm 139:9–10 NRSV)

*Passing of the Peace

God's beloved, let us greet one another in love. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Sending Song

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Prayer of Illumination/Lighting of the Yellow Candle

We light the yellow candle, symbolizing sunlight, and yet more light to bring new understanding. Let us pray:

Startle us, O God, with the truth of your love revealed in scripture, that we might serve as faithful disciples. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 5:14–16 (NT: p. 4 | LPNT: p. 5)

Bart Roush

Story/Meditation/Personal Witness

Kylie Borchardt

Hymn

"For Everyone Born" (verse 1)

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For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Lighting of the Green Candle

We light the green candle to symbolize nature and God's good creation in all its beauty, wild diversity and magnificence.

Story/Meditation/Personal Witness

James Robles

Hymn

"For Everyone Born" (verse 3)

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For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Lighting of the Blue Candle

We light the blue candle, symbolizing harmony and peace, within ourselves, our community, and among nations.

Meditation

Bart Roush

Hymn

"For Everyone Born" (verse 5)

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For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory

"You Will Be Found"

Pasek & Paul

*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

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**

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

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Lighting of the Purple Candle

We light the purple candle, symbolizing the Spirit of God sending us out into the world, energizing us to be God's people, in a brutal and beautiful world.

***Commission, Benediction & Lighting of the Rainbow Candle**

We light this multi-colored candle, a rainbow created by light and water, symbolizing God's promise of love to the entire world.

As we speak truth and work for justice, we can be sure that God goes with us, ahead of us to clear the way, beside us to sustain us when the road is rough, and behind us to pick us up when we are weary!

Leave this place, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, knowing that you are loved.

We do not walk alone!

God is for you... go in peace and serve the Lord!

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Worship Leaders: **Jane Horn, Kevin Muur, Marsha Pridgeon,
Meg Robles & Mindy Schroeder;**

Singers: **Cece Klueh, Nat Myers, Emma Wasko & Katrin Wenz;**

Organist: **Nancy Hauser** | Director of Music/Piano: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan**

Chancel flowers are given by **Howard & Diane Baumgartner,**
in *memory* of **Susan, wife and mother.**

Greeter: **Marilyn Eidem**

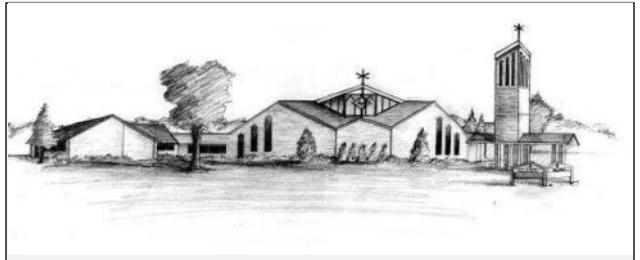
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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

Church Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, June 20 in observance of Juneteenth.

2022 Vacation Bible School: June 20–23 (9am to Noon)

Caring for God's Creation

VBS is open to all children ages 3–5th grade. Join us for games, stories, learning and fun! We will offer lots of activities, including time outside! Pre-registration (<https://bit.ly/3NKCaoa>) is required and are due no later than Wednesday, June 15. The cost is \$20 per child (cap of \$50 per family). Scholarships are available. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please let Mary know.

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, patio, lawn or garage for a potluck dinner at 6 pm.

June 22: Kathy Howell (host)
5601 American Blvd W, Bloomington

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 Tominiski (952-888-0697).

Open House at Chain of Lakes Church

Chain of Lakes Church started ministry in its new building the week of May 29th and wants to thank everyone in the Presbytery for their support.

Come to an Open House for Presbyterians on Wednesday, June 22 from 2:30 to 4:30pm at 2650 125th Ave NE in Blaine. Tours and refreshments will be shared.

For more info, please visit colpres.org or send an email to info@colpres.org.

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.

Pancake Breakfast for VEAP: Monday, July 4 (8–11:00 am)

Please bring a non-perishable food item or cash to donate. Tables will be separated – masks can be worn – let's enjoy being together. Hosted by Bob and Karen Gerdes (10741 Sheridan Ave).

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Upcoming Memorial Services

Harry Lichy: Friday, June 24

Visitation: 2:00 pm | Service: 3:00 pm
at Oak Grove and via livestream

Freda Ofori-Atta Williams:

Saturday, June 25

11:00 am at White Funeral Home
(12804 Nicollet Ave S, Burnsville)

Derril Shantz: Saturday, June 25

Visitation: Noon | Service: 1:00 pm
at Oak Grove and via livestream

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.

Funerals & Special Events at Oak Grove

The Funeral/Memorial Committee needs some additional people willing to help serve refreshments/lunch. Please call the church office (952-888-4621) if you are interested. Thank you.

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!

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).



The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of **Milo Daniel Nail Foels**, who was born on June 1 to Kelly Nail and Jeff Foels. Big sister is Mari and proud grandparents are Patty and Ron Nail.

Welcome Milo!
