

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life



*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

July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.”

– A Franciscan Benediction

We Gather in God’s Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Cassie Acker

We gather together in the presence of God, the Lord of heaven and earth:

the Creator of our world and everything in it;

the One who gave us life and breath,

the One who is never far away from any of us,

the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Let’s worship God together!

***Opening Hymn**

“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

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***Prayer of Confession**

Cassie Acker

Holy One, we confess that we have not lived as the body of Christ.

We have not remembered that you are the head, and we are your

hands and feet and heart and lungs. We have said to some, “We don’t need you,” and to others, “You must change and become like us,”

and still to others we have even forgotten they existed. Forgive us,

O Holy One, for without you we are nothing. But with you, and with

one another, we are the body of Christ. Remind us, bind us together,

breathe new life into us and send us into the work of reparation and

restoration of this world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

*Assurance of Pardon

Cassie Acker

If one part suffers, all suffer with it. If one part rejoices, all rejoice with it.

We are all the body of Christ, members of one another, baptized by one Spirit into one Body.

We need one another. We must work to restore one another.

We must bring healing and hope to one another. We must remember that we cannot live our lives alone.

Forgive, and know God's forgiveness. Mend, and know God's healing in your life. Repair, and know God's restoration in your soul.

We will go and live into the Good News as the body of Christ together. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Cassie Acker

Let us greet one another as new beings, reconciled to God and one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (*Exchange the peace with those around you.*)

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Sending Song "Go with Us, Lord"

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Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Scripture John 14:1–7, 15–17, 25–27 (NT: p. 108 | LPNT: p. 132)

Message

***Hymn of Response** "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

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"I Am" Moment

Kevin Muur

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” *Warner/Pirtle*

*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

The Lord’s Prayer

(^ Creator or Mother)

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.

We Go Forth in God’s Name

*Closing Hymn

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

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*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;

Liturgist: **Cassie Acker** | Speaker: **Kevin Muur**;

Vocalists: **Becky Dop, Cece Klueh, Gar Nordin & Dick Reinke**;

Flute: **Enid Lang**;

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

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

Chancel flowers are given by **Kathy Howell**,
in *honor* of *all who are signed up for Donate Life*;
in solidarity with Mike & Courtney in their journey.

<https://registerme.org> or <https://bethematch.org>

Greeters: **John & Jeri Anderson**

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

Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, Aug. 2 (noon)

Join us for "*Burgers 'n' Brew*" the first Tuesday of the month at Zeke's Place (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd). This event pairs young(er) and old(er) men for a time of fellowship while enjoying lunch. Pick up someone who needs a ride and develop new friendships. Questions? Contact Gordon Beattie at 952-941-0742.

Singles Fellowship: Monday, Aug. 8 (5:00 pm)

Singles Fellowship is a group of single adults who get together at Zeke's Place (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd) for socialization and support. No need to RSVP. Questions? Contact Jane Jacobson at 612-267-9068.

Soul Sisters Second Monday of the Month

Soul Sisters will not meet in August but will resume on Sept. 12 (7:00 pm) at church for a time to check in and share fellowship and support. All women are invited, no RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

Summer Suppers: 2nd and 4th Wednesday through August!

Summer Suppers is a wonderful opportunity for the Oak Grove community to be together in a relaxed way. We will gather on someone's porch, patio, lawn or garage for a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm.

Aug. 10: Kathy Howell (host)
Amira Apartments, 5601 American Blvd W
(just north of Normandale Lake)
community room & patio

Aug. 24: Iris Karow
6001 Timberglade Dr

Please plan to bring something to share (salad, main dish, dessert, etc.); whatever food shows up is our supper! Questions? Contact Kathy Tominski (952-888-0697).

Join us for a Twins Game: Sunday, Aug. 21

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. Our tickets are in section 302 (rows 3–6) and cost \$17/each. Sign up via the church website (www.oakgrv.org/game/). The deadline to reserve your seat is Sunday, Aug. 7. Questions? Contact Ron Dubis (612-868-9194).

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Worship & Church Picnic at Moir Park: Sunday, Aug. 14

Come worship at the Moir Park Pavilion (10320 Morgan Ave S,) at 10:30 am and then stay for the annual church picnic to enjoy the outdoors, lunch and fellowship!

You are welcome to bring a favorite picnic lunch for yourself or you may choose to purchase a bag lunch that will be catered from Sammy's Avenue Eatery. Bag lunches are \$12 each and include a 6-inch hoagie (turkey, tuna or veggie club), bag of chips, water and a sweet treat! Gluten-free bread options are available for \$1 more.

You are also invited to bring a tablecloth of choice to add colors to our tables and also low/jelly jar-type vases of a couple of flowers (or weeds) from your yard, if that's something that sounds fun to you!

Call the church office (952-888-4621) to place your order. Payment, cash or check (made out to Oak Grove, memo: lunch), must be received by Tuesday, Aug. 9.

We hope to have some of our Afghanistan friends, with interpreters, join us for a "Meet and Greet" time. We are thankful for the opportunity to give and receive in our relationships with them. Please plan to hang around a bit for conversation with our Oak Grove friends from Afghanistan!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

Adult Bible Study: *August hiatus*

Beginning Sept. 8, join Pastor Bart and/or Pastor Mary each week (Thursdays, 12–1:00 pm) via Zoom to look at the scripture that will be the basis for the sermon the following Sunday. We will read the scripture together and then dive in!

Deacon Health Ministry: Request for Home Medical Equipment

Do you have medical equipment that you are not using any more? If so, we would love to accept donations of gently used, fully functioning equipment that we can lend to others when they might need it.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Jim McCarl at 952-948-2991 or jjmccarl33@gmail.com.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Thank You, Good Neighbor!

The Friendship Committee offers a “Thank You Good Neighbor” recognition to a local organization or group each month in recognition of their good work.

If you have a group that you think is doing a wonderful job making the world a better place, being a good neighbor, please let us know by filling out an online Google form (<https://bit.ly/3omlRUo>) or by calling the church office and sharing your idea. We write a note of thanks, offer a very cool certificate and, when appropriate, bring individually wrapped treats.

In July, we thanked the Bloomington Police Department for their work during these last years, as they continue to offer meetings with the community, their growing efforts toward transparency and participating in “The Shift Forward” training with community members and Deb DeMeester, Brenda Johnson and Jim Koon.

In August we will recognize the Bloomington Historical Society for their on-going presence in the community.

Have Your Say

Primary day is Tuesday, August 9. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A Primary Election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November General Election. Oak Grove is a polling site. For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3JetSUo>.

Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition

Churches in the Bloomington-Richfield area are working together to provide free support and education for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.

You can start any series at any time. There is no commitment on attendance and no cost, just show up!

Group meetings are held on Thursdays, 4:30–6:00 pm at Transfiguration Lutheran Church (11000 France Ave S, Bloomington).

For more information, please visit <https://brgriefcoalition.com>.

Aug 4: Understanding Grief

Aug. 11: Going Back to Familiar Faces

Aug. 18: A Place for Joy in the Journey

Aug. 25: Discernment: Exploring One’s Losses & Grief