

# *I Am the Vine*



*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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**August 7, 2022**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 am**

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

*“Listening is where love begins: listening to ourselves and then to our neighbors .” – Fred Rogers*

### **We Gather in God’s Name**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

#### **Call to Worship**

Laura Orr

We come to worship God, the Gardener of the world.

**We gather to affirm that we belong to God, to the earth and to one another.**

In Christ’s love and teachings, we strive to be faithful disciples.

**We gather together, bringing our honest selves to this place and time.**

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

**Let us worship God!**

#### **\*Opening Hymn**

“You Are Holy” (*sing twice*)

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#### **\*Opening Prayer**

Laura Orr

**God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

#### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Laura Orr

God’s beloved, let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

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**     “For the Fruit of all Creation” (verse 1)     36

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**Scripture**     John 15:1–7 (NT: p. 109 | LPNT: p. 133)

### Message

**\*Hymn of Response**     “Take, O Take Me as I Am”     698

**“I Am” Moment**     Rory Scott

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory**     “Perhaps Love”

**\*Doxology**     (tune: “All Creatures of Our God and King”)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures, here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, use these gifts and use us, we pray, to be a physical manifestation of your love, mercy, justice, and hope in the world.  
AMEN.**

## **Sacrament of Communion**

*Communion will be by intinction. Please come forward to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat. The juice is non-alcoholic. Gluten free is available as well.*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving/Ecumenical Lord's Prayer (on slides)**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

### **Prayer following Communion**

**Loving God, we thank you that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

## **We Go Forth in God's Name**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

"When We Are Living"

822

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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

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*Participants in worship today include:*

Presiding Pastor: **Mary Koon;**

Liturgist: **Laura Orr** | Speaker: **Rory Scott;**

Vocalists: **Marilyn Twete, & Dick Nichols;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin, Mac Davis & John Crampton;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Marilyn & Dick Twete**,  
in *honor* of *our 60th wedding anniversary*, and  
**Verona Stoesz**, in *memory* of husband **Chuck**, and  
in *honor* of *our children & grandchildren*.

Greeters: **Caitlin & Tom Lucic**



## 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.

[ogpc@oakgrv.org](mailto:ogpc@oakgrv.org)

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Help Care for Our Landscape

Help is needed to maintain our garden and shrub beds. Jane Horn is requesting volunteers to adopt a small section of the *Vanatta Memorial Garden* or other planted areas.

The primary need is to watch for weeds and remove them. You could even bring your gloves to church and pull a weed or two each Sunday. Ongoing maintenance of a small area makes it easy. Contact Jane at 952-447-3061 or [oyjane2@gmail.com](mailto:oyjane2@gmail.com).

### Book'Em! Used Book Sale: *Donations currently being accepted*

The 2022 Book'Em Annual Used Book Sale will be held Oct. 8–22, with Preview Night Friday, Oct. 7, at former Toys R Us store at Southtown Shopping Center. Sale hours are 12–7 pm (Mon–Fri) and 11am–5 pm (Sat–Sun). Cash or check only.

Donations are accepted at the sale site (east side of building) Aug. 2–Oct. 6, 2022, Tuesdays and Thursdays (12–5:00 pm) and Saturdays (9am–1:00 pm), and daily Oct. 8–15 during sale hours; there is no drop-off at Oak Grove. For a complete list of items accepted (and NOT accepted), please visit: <https://bit.ly/3Jo5cJk>.

### 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.

### 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).

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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!

### **Ladies Who Lunch: Wednesday, Aug. 17 (noon)**

We will meet at the home of Bev Heise (9850 Colorado Rd), to discuss the book "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger. Lunch will be provided. All women are welcome, even if you haven't read the book, and no RSVP is needed.

Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

### **Men's Mentor Group: Thursday, Aug. 18 (8:00 pm)**

Join other men of Oak Grove as we discuss topics of interest, share joys and concerns, and explore and encourage one another in our faith. The group meets the third Thursday of the month at church and is open to all; no need to RSVP.

Questions? Contact Pastor Bart.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast: Thursdays**

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

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

## Save the Dates!

Saturday, Sept. 17: EV Expo in the Oak Grove parking lot (11 am to 3 pm)

Sunday, Sept. 18: Woven Voices Concert at Oak Grove (2 pm)

Saturday, Sept. 24: Woodcutting at Clearwater Forest

## 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. 11: Going Back to Familiar Faces

Aug. 18: A Place for Joy in the Journey

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