

Outdoor Worship at Meir Park



*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 14, 2022 10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Most homeless kids are on the streets because they have been forced by circumstances that cause them to think that they are safer there than in any home they once knew.” – Jewel, American Singer-Songwriter

We Gather in God’s Name

***Prelude/Protest Songs** “Blowin’ in the Wind”
“If I Had a Hammer”

Welcome & Announcements

Happy Birthday to: Joan (85), Ator (9), Jan (90), Aydin (4) and Finn (9).

Camp Song “Love the Lord”

Call to Worship

All praise to you, God, our creator!

Your creativity is matched by your compassion.

Today is a new day in the life of creation, and what a gift it is to be alive!

As we worship, let us know your grace and goodness.

Let us thrill to the Spirit, alive and at work, moving through creation and all of us.

Let us worship God with joy!

***Camp Song** “I Love the Mountains”

***Opening Prayer**

Meet us in this place, O God, as we gather outdoors in creation.

Speak to us through the voices of children playing, the creek rushing,

and the rustle of the wind in the leaves of the trees. As we worship,

breathe life into our weary souls. Remind us that we are deeply rooted

in your love, like strong trees along the banks of a river. Give us eyes

to see your Glory, ears to hear the cries of the oppressed, hearts

open to the lost and lonely, and hands ready to serve. AMEN

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

***Camp Song** "You're My Brother (Sister)"

Scripture Jeremiah 17:7–8

Meditation "Planted by Water"

***Camp Song** "We Shall Not Be Moved"

Scripture Matthew 13:31–32

Meditation "The Surprising Mustard Seed"

***Camp Song** "Go Out and Pray"

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

***Camp Song** "Everlasting Love"

***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

Prayer of Dedication

Use these gifts, and use us, we pray, to bring healing, justice and hope to Your world, O God. 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** "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

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

Vocalists: **Karen Gerdes, Cece Klueh & Emma Wasko;**

Piano & Guitar: **Judy Cooper** | Piano: **Nancy Hauser;**

Livestream: **Bob Gerdes & Pierce Flanagan;**



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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CHANCEL FLOWER SIGN-UP

Every week beautiful flowers grace the Sanctuary. Contributing flowers is a way to glorify God and beautify the chancel area. The contribution can be in honor of someone, in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of milestone events or as thanksgiving for friends and family. Your dedication will appear in the Sunday bulletin for your chosen date.



There are two arrangements available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. After Sunday service, you are welcome to bring your arrangement home or, if you prefer, the Deacons can bring it to someone on the prayer list.

Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 (a landline) or urbanfields2.1@q.com to sign up and reserve your special date.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact Information Changes

If you move... or change your phone number or email address, please let the church know so we can update our records.

Send any/all changes to ogpc@oakgrv.org or call 952-888-4621. Thanks for helping us keep everyone connected!

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.

Supportive Housing Volunteer Opportunity: Aug. 17 (7:00 pm)

Supportive Housing will be assembling picture frames for Aeon at Oak Grove. Aeon has contracted with a native artist, Marlena Myles, to combine her native map of the Twin Cities with a native land acknowledgement statement for Aeon. They would like this framed artwork and statement to be in the office/entryway of each of their properties.

If you are interested and available, we are looking for a few additional people to help. The project would include unpacking the frame, putting the artwork in, and screwing in the special hardware (that will keep it from walking away). Tools required include a cordless drill or screwdriver.

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.

Final "Summer Supper" of the Season: Wednesday, Aug. 24 (6:00 pm)

Join others from the Oak Grove community in a relaxed way. We will gather at the home of Iris Karow (6001 Timberglade Dr) for a potluck dinner. 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

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.

Thank You, Good Neighbor!

The Friendship Committee invites you to help us celebrate those who work hard to make our community safe and welcoming and loving! On behalf of Oak Grove, we hope to recognize and encourage those who put extra effort into our community. Nominate an organization by filling out an online Google form (<https://bit.ly/3omlRUo>) or by calling the church office and sharing your idea. Thank you!

Notary Services:

Oak Grove has a commissioned Notary Public on staff. Church members may have documents notarized free of charge. Simply call ahead (952-888-4621) to schedule a convenient date and time. Please note that we are not able to notarize real estate documents.

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

Weekly

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: Bible study meets each week on Thursdays (noon–1:00 pm) via Zoom but will be on hiatus for the month of August. We will restart on Sept. 8.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

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>.

Older Adult Job Fair:

Tuesday, Aug. 16 (1–4:00 pm)

Location: Creekside Community Center (9801 Penn Ave S)

Martin Luther Campus is partnering with the City of Bloomington Public Health and Parks & Recreation Divisions to offer meaningful employment connections for older adults.

With more than 16,000 people over the age of 65 living in Bloomington and the surrounding area, there is a group of seasoned, hardworking people who are

looking for an opportunity to share their skills and dedication but may not know where to start. Look no further! We are hosting local organizations eager to have a conversation with you in an approachable, friendly environment.

To learn more and register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3vGEOu>.

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. 18: A Place for Joy in the Journey

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

The Fall Series will run Sept. 22 through Nov. 10 (same time) at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church (9900 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington).