

# *I am the Shepherd*

Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery it is. In the boredom and pain of it, not less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.

– Frederick Buechner



*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**

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**August 21, 2022 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 am**

## Thoughts to Ponder

*“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”* – Margaret Wheatley

*“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”* – Frederick Buechner, Presbyterian minister, theologian, and author

## We Gather in God’s Name

**Prelude**

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

*Bach*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Bob Crum

The God of all shepherds has called us here.

**We come today, celebrating God’s love for us.**

The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

**We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**

The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

**We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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**\*Prayer of Confession**

Bob Crum

**You are the shepherd, and we are Your flock, but we admit the times we have tried to take Your place and take control ourselves. We admit that we have not always trusted Your good news to be good for us. At times we have pleaded with You to care for us, but we have held back from caring for others and ignored the needs of others.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us in the name of Jesus. Loving shepherd, teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow You in the days and places of the weeks ahead. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace**

Bob Crum

Jesus Christ is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Though we have fallen short of his commandments, through faith in his name we are saved and raised to new life. Siblings in Christ, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

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

Bob Crum

We are beloved by the Good Shepherd; therefore, let us greet each other as members of the same flock. 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**     "Near or Far"

*J McKinnon*

**Near or far apart, you're always in my heart. God's love is here to stay, close and far away. Resting in God's peace, praying for God's hope, serving God's joy, united in God's love.**

**Scripture**             John 10:11–18 (NT: p. 103 | LPNT: p. 126)

Kate Lindberg

**Message**

Kate Lindberg

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

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**"I Am" Moment**

Marilyn Twete

### **Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory**     "Shepherd Me, O Lord"

*Haugen*

## **\*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**

**O Lord, you are the good shepherd! Your son Jesus laid down his life for all. Thank you for nurturing our life and sustaining our faith. In gratitude, we want to help others to know your love. Open our ears to listen to your voice. Open our eyes to see our siblings in need as sheep of your flock. May our offerings give voice to Christ's love for all people, especially those who have gone astray. 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**

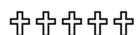
**"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

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### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Youth & Young Adult Ministries Coordinator: **Kate Lindberg;**

Liturgist: **Bob Crum** | Speaker: **Marilyn Twete;**

Vocalist: **Eugene Orr** | Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Hauser**

Sound, Light, Video: **Ruth Dukelow, Andy Snyder & Pierce Flanagan;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Jack & Leona Kley,**  
in *memory* of **Leona's parents, Louise & Leon Bonikowski.**

Greeter: **Jan Lichtenberger**

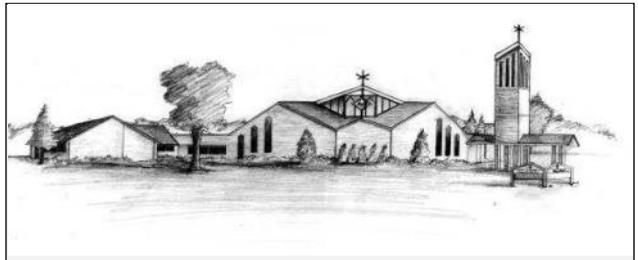
## Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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

### **Congregational Conversation: Sunday, Aug. 21**

Every church needs to be able to answer three questions. These are, “*Who are we?*” “*Who is our neighbor?*” and “*What is God calling us to be and do?*” Spending time in discernment to arrive at possible answers to these questions allows the church to respond faithfully to God’s calling.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, following worship, Pastor Bart will lead the discussion, “*Church in the North American context.*” It is expected that this conversation will last between 60–90 minutes.

For those unable to attend in person, Pastor Bart will be presenting the same information on Thursday, Aug. 25 at noon via Zoom.

Join the Zoom meeting:  
<https://bit.ly/3B3TDoB>

To join by audio, call 312-626-6799 and use the Meeting ID (812 7060 9390) and Passcode (616798).

### **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).

### **Antiracism Accountability Group: Thursday, Aug. 25 (6:30–8:00 pm)**

All are welcome and invited to join our conversation. The group meets the fourth Thursday of the month via Zoom. We are folks interested in gathering to hold ourselves accountable in the pursuit of antiracism. One option is digging in, together viewing some of the content in the new [MPR News NorthStar Journey](#).

Newcomers and all are welcome to come knowing something or nothing about that; we’re all seeking to grow from wherever it is we are starting.

Join the Zoom Meeting:  
<https://bit.ly/3JQoN4I>

Meeting ID: 848 8224 3344 | Passcode:  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Interested in Joining Oak Grove?

Our new member class will be held after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, Sept. 11. We will meet in the Fireside Room and lunch will be provided. New members will be presented to the congregation the following Sunday, Sept. 18. We would love to have you join!

### 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).

### Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, Oct. 1: Austin Ritterspach memorial service at Oak Grove (2 pm)  
[www.oakgrv.org/ritterspach-memorial/](http://www.oakgrv.org/ritterspach-memorial/)

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Ken Hanson memorial service at Oak Grove (11:30 am)  
[www.oakgrv.org/service-hanson/](http://www.oakgrv.org/service-hanson/)

### 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 [jimccarl33@gmail.com](mailto:jimccarl33@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>.

## OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

### **U.S. Takes Dramatic Climate Action!**

Congratulations to the leadership of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate for passing the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act which contains \$368 bn in climate financing.

The bill contains tax credits of up to 30% for clean energy (wind, solar, nuclear), clean transportation (EVs and hydrogen), energy efficiency, heat pumps, energy efficient appliances, weatherization and modernization of the grid. It targets funding to disadvantaged communities that have suffered from fossil fuel extraction, refining and pollution.

The tax credits are aimed at Americans who earn less than \$300K per year. The goal is to cut U.S. carbon emissions by 40% before 2040.

Congratulations to the House and Senate leadership and to President Biden for bringing this bill across the finish line, especially to Minnesota Senator Tina Smith who played a crucial role in getting this deal done.

### **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. 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).

