

*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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Sept. 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

*“Misunderstanding arising from ignorance breeds fear, and fear remains
the greatest enemy of peace.”*

– Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Scholar & Politician

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Presentation of Gifts & Welcome Home

Call to Worship

Harper Krentz

In the midst of life, in pain and in joy, God is with us!

Come, Holy Spirit, and give us hope.

God is always with us, guiding, healing, and restoring us.

Come, Holy Spirit, quiet our spirits and open our hearts.

Let us open our hearts and minds to our creator.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

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***Prayer of Confession**

Harper Krentz

Patient God, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, Holy One. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Free us from sin so that our steps will lead toward actions that will produce growth and peace... (*silent confession*)

Assurance of Grace

Harper Krentz

God's seeds of love have already been sown in your midst. Come and see the love of God poured out for you. You are God's beloved people. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

Harper Krentz

Let us greet one another as God's beloved community. 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: Supportive Housing Committee

Hymn of Response "God of Great and God of Small" (verse 1) 19

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

Scripture Matthew 13:24–30, 36–45 (NT: p. 14 | LPNT: p. 17)

Message Kat Wenz, James Robles, Nat Myers & Mary Koon

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Many Gifts, One Spirit" *Pote*

*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 (*^ Father, Mother or Creator*)

Our God^ 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

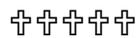
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Mary Koon;**

Liturgist: **Harper Krentz;**

Youth Messengers: **Kat Wenz, James Robles & Nat Myers;**

Vocalists: **Chancel Choir** | Director: **Judy Cooper;**

Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Ruth Dukelow, Randy Dop & Bob Gerdes;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Carol Osweiler,**
for *the love of her family.*

Greeter: **Bob Crum**



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.

Woodcutting at Clearwater Forest: Saturday, Sept. 24

Join us at Clearwater Forest for Oak Grove's annual woodcutting event. There will be a lot of fun, fresh air, fellowship and hard work.

Families can treat this event as an introduction to the property and a full week-end to hike, bike, kayak, swim and fish. We have camp sites and some room with beds available if you would like to come up the night before and/or stay Saturday.

If interested in going and/or knowing more about the event, please contact Carrie Wilkens at carriewilkens@comcast.net or 952-240-5022.



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

Woven Voices Concert: Sunday, Sept. 18 (2:00 pm) at Oak Grove

Woven Voices will be presenting their Make-Up Spring Concert. This event will follow Oak Grove's Covid protocols based on the current community risk level for Hennepin County, and you must be COVID symptom-free to attend. Free will offer gratefully accepted; no ticket required.

Ladies Who Lunch: Wednesday, Sept. 21 (Noon)

We will meet in the Fireside Room at church to discuss the book, "*My Beloved World*," a memoir by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. A light lunch will be provided. This group is open to all women who enjoy reading, learning and spending time together. Questions? Please call or email Pastor Mary.

WoW! Dinner & Programs begin: Wednesday, Sept. 21

This mid-week gathering is a time of fellowship. Join the church family; no reservations are needed. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm. Each meal includes salad and dessert. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Faith Formation begins at 6:15 pm and choir will rehearse at 7:15 pm.

Pres. Homes Birthday Parade for Centenarians: Thursday, Sept. 22

Once again, Presbyterian Homes will hold a birthday parade to celebrate those who turn 100+ at 3:30 pm. We hope that many in the Oak Grove community will turn out to wish Glenn Pettit "Happy 102" (July) and Evelyn Melum "Happy 103" (Oct)! This year, you are invited to join the parade by foot or car.

Antiracism Accountability Group: Thursday, Sept. 22 (6:30–8:00 pm)

We meet the fourth Thursday of the month via Zoom. We are interested in gathering to hold ourselves accountable in the pursuit of antiracism. All are welcome to come knowing something or nothing; we're all seeking to grow from wherever it is we are starting from. <https://bit.ly/3JQoN4I>

Singles Group Wine Tasting: Friday, Sept. 23 (10:45 am)

We will meet in the church parking lot to carpool to Alexis Bailey Winery near Hastings. Plan to pack a bag lunch to enjoy with our wine tasting. No RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Sharon Nolte at 952-884-1014.

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NAMIWalks 5K Walk and Resource Fair: Saturday, Sept. 24

The Walk will take place at Minnehaha Park (4801 S Minnehaha Dr, Minneapolis). The event starts at 11 am and the walk begins at 1 pm.

Donations support the core mission of NAMI Minnesota, providing mental health education, support and advocacy.

Let Cecelia Laurie know (205-292-5242 or calaurie78@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in the Walk together.

Victor Zupanc Concert: Sunday, Sept. 25 (3:00 pm) at Oak Grove

Acclaimed composer/performer Victor Zupanc and long-time music director/composer at Children's Theatre Company and Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, will be performing a concert titled, "*Welcome to My World*."

This concert will feature Victor and several other musicians, including Oak Grove members Jessi McKinnon, Emma Wasko, and Caitlin Lucic. Free will donation (\$15 suggested price but pay what you can). There will be no presale or electronic payment. Cash or check at the door.

Golden Harvest Dinner: Sunday, Oct. 16 (following worship)

Food and fellowship for those 80+ years old and friends-to-friends.

CPR/AED Training: Saturday, Oct. 15 (9am to 1 pm)

Training will take place in the Community Room at Oak Grove. Space is limited to 10 participants and there is no charge for the course. For more information or to sign up, contact Carol Osweiler at 952-237-5894 or carol.osweiler@gmail.com.

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

WEEKLY

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Thursdays

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

Adult Bible Study: Thursdays

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!

Upcoming Memorial Services

Friday, Sept. 30: Jan Grobe memorial service at Oak Grove (11 am)

Saturday, Oct. 1: Austin Ritterspach memorial service at Oak Grove (2 pm)

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Ken Hanson memorial service at Oak Grove (11:30 am)

Saturday, Oct. 22: Duane Sudman Celebration of Life at Oak Grove (2 pm)

Saturday, Oct. 29: Bob Brightman memorial service at Oak Grove (2 pm)

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 Nativity of Mary Catholic Church (9900 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington).

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

Sept. 22: Soul Work

Sept. 29: The Courage to Ask: Embracing Help on the Path of Healing

Born Again Jocks Pancake Breakfast & Scholarship Program

Sunday, Oct. 2, at Bloomington Events Center (aka KC Hall) 8a m to 1:00 pm

The cost is \$8 (children under 6 eat for free) and includes pancakes, sausage and beverages. There will be a silent auction, BAJ merchandise and good fellowship.

For additional information, contact Bob Swanson at 952-884-6532.