



Hosanna

*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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April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

10:30 am

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“The difference between high-functioning and low-functioning is that high-functioning means your deficits are ignored, and low-functioning means your assets are ignored.” – Laura Tisoncik, autistic self and disability rights advocate

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Hymn**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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& Procession of Palms

***Call to Worship**

Though we have known hardship and pain, though life has not always turned out as we had hoped, we will stand here and say:

God’s steadfast love endures for ever!

Though life becomes more complex, the deepest questions remain unanswered, and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:

God’s steadfast love endures for ever!

And though the pain of the world often seems more than we can bear or address, we will stand firm in our faith and say:

God’s steadfast love endures for ever!

***Passing of the Peace**

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.*)

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

***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

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.

^Other options include Father, Mother or Creator

Scripture

Matthew 27:31–54 (NT: p. 32 | LPNT: p. 39)

Requiem *(see booklet)****Benediction**

Be diligent. Stand firm in your faith. Be courageous and strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.

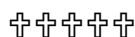
We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hosanna to the Lord Most High! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

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

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

Chancel flowers are given by **Lou Traeder,**
in *memory* of **husband, Blake and son-in-law, Mason.**



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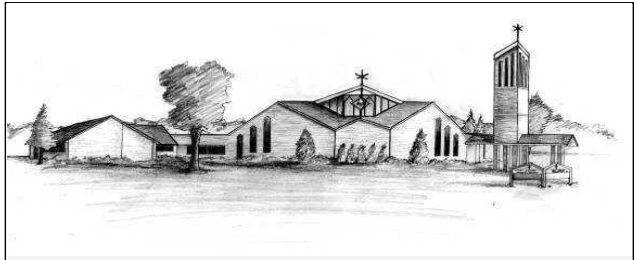
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

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.

Greeters: **Bob & Bev Heise**



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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours

The church office will be closing at noon on Good Friday, April 7 and will be closed Monday, April 10. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 11 at 8:30 am.

Holy Week at Oak Grove

April 6: Maundy Thursday. 6:00 pm in-person service only. We will share a light meal, discussion and communion around the table in the social hall.

April 7: Good Friday. 7:00 pm in-person & via livestream contemplative service.

April 8: Family Easter Egg Hunt. Join us at 3:00 pm for a family Easter Egg Hunt on church grounds.

April 9: Easter Sunday

- 6:30 am sunrise service outdoors on church grounds
- 8:15 am in-person service only
- 10:30 am in-person & via livestream

WoW! Dinner & Programs: Wednesdays

Please note, there will be no WoW programs during Holy Week (April 5). April 12 will be the final program for the season.

Faith Formation on Sundays

Please note there will be no faith formation on Easter Sunday (April 9).

We need your nature photos please!

For our Earth Day worship service on April 23, we are creating a prayer of thanksgiving and care for the Earth. We will create a slideshow using your photos of nature and the beauty of God's creation.

Please look through your photos to find anything you find interesting and beautiful and email them to sgjerset@oakgrv.org by Wed. April 12. If you only have a hard copy, stop by the church office and we'll scan it for you.

Oak Rovers: Monday, April 3 (5:00 pm)

Join us at Willy McCoys (10700 France Ave S, Bloomington 55431). Please RSVP to Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900 or pafisk1947@gmail.com).

Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, April 4 (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 Jim McCarl at 952-948-2991.

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Singles Fellowship: Monday, April 10 (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: April Hiatus

Soul Sisters will be on hiatus for April. Please join us instead on May 8 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.

Evelyn (Crystal) Winkelman Memorial Service: Friday, April 21 (1:30 pm)

Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Crystal. Visitation begins at 1:00 pm with the service at 1:30 pm.

Following the service, you are invited to join the family and friends in Gideon Pond Hall for light refreshments and continuing conversation around the table.

The service will also be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook for those unable to attend in person.

Electrify Everything! Earth Day 2023: Saturday, April 22 (1–5:00 pm)

Do you want to cut your energy consumption by 65% while saving money, enjoying healthier ways of living, and saving creation for future generations? Then quit sending creation up the flue and out your tailpipe!

Come celebrate Earth Day at Oak Grove! There will be talks by experts and tours, both inside and outside, so please dress for the weather.

Oak Grove Cleanup Day: Saturday, April 29 (8:30 am to 3 pm)

Please join us for our annual clean, rake, sweep, wash, put away, get ready for better weather time at Oak Grove. Please plan to join us for the day or part of the day if you are busy. We encourage you to bring your own rake, gloves, and smile. Snacks and liberal breaks will be provided. This is traditionally a really fun time; some say it's the best day of the year!

The Deacons' Bench

Please come to the Deacons' Bench, located just outside the social hall and write a note to someone on the prayer list! We have Get Well, Sympathy, Birthday, and plain note cards. Place the recipient's name on the envelope and we will address it (if a church member) and mail it for you. This is a beautiful way to share Christ's love.

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Oak Grove Craft & Hobby Fair Sunday, April 30 (9–10:15 am)

If you love painting, quilting, or woodworking, or if you have a hobby or collection that is unique, this is a chance to share your talents and interests.

If your collection is too large, or you are unable to attend, we are hoping to be able to create a video so you can still take part. Children and youth are especially encouraged to participate!

If you wish to participate, there will be a sign-up in the narthex or contact Ron Dubis (612-868-9194).

Shred Event/Youth Fundraiser: Saturday, May 13 (10 am to Noon)

Join Oak Grove Youth and ShredRight for a shredding event and fundraiser. Bring an unlimited amount of documents, receipts, etc. to be securely shredded onsite to the church parking lot. The cost is \$10/grocery bag or \$20/box. Your contribution will help fund the Youth trip to Washington, D.C. as well as helping the environment.

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). Questions? Contact Jack Kley at 952-831-4138.

Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Bart and/or Pastor Mary (12–1:00 pm) on Thursday, April 13 and April 27 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!

Please note Bible study will be on hiatus April 6, and April 20.

Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition: Thursdays (4:30–6:00 pm)

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!

The Spring Series (March 30–May 18) will be held at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church (901 E 90th St, Bloomington 55420)) in the education building behind the church (enter at door #6). For more information, please visit <https://brgriefcoalition.com>.

April 6: HOLY WEEK (no meeting)

April 13: How Families Grieve

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We collectively acknowledge that Oak Grove Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional and ancestral lands of Indigenous people. We reside on land that holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for the Dakota, Native Nations and Indigenous people of the region. The land was ceded by the Dakota to the U.S. Government through treaties created and upheld with racist underpinnings.

By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold Oak Grove Presbyterian Church accountable to Indigenous people and Nations. We recognize, and continually seek to support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native Nations in this territory and beyond.

Note: More information will be made available online at a later date.

