



*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 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

8:15 am & 10:30 am

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

*“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but
in every leaf in springtime.” – Unknown*

Prelude & Lighting of the Christ Candle

“Chorale and Cannon”

“Theme from Symphony #1”

“Ode to Joy”

Thomas Tallis

Brahms

Beethoven

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The stone was rolled away.

Christ is Risen!

The tomb was found empty.

Christ is Risen!

The angel said, “Do not be afraid.”

Christ is Risen!

No matter where we are, we proclaim now and always,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

***Processional Hymn** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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***Prayer of Confession** Mary Crampton (8:15 am), Carrie Wilkens (10:30 am)

We confess to you, O Risen Christ, that we need resurrection more than ever. We need new life now. Guide us to find the seeds of new life in the midst of the world we are in. Call us to perceive where the stone is being rolled away. Break us open to the world even while we keep ourselves safe. Remind us that the resurrection, the new life in you, begins here and now with us. Help us to boldly declare that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace** Mary Crampton (8:15 am), Carrie Wilkens (10:30 am)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Death is destroyed!

Life is restored!

Sin is no more!

Alleluia! Amen!

Choral Introit “Easter Song” *Herring*

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Hymn of Response “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (*refrain only, sing twice*) 591

Scripture Acts 10:34–43 (NT: p. 129 | LPNT: p. 157)

Message

*Affirmation of Faith

We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,
**whose Spirit empowers us to remove barriers, tear down walls, heal
divisions, and seek peace without and within.**

We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,
**whose Spirit empowers us to see our sister’s good as our own, to
be our brother’s advocate, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to
contribute to the well-being of every part of Christ’s body, so that
indeed we can build up, and grow up, and be joined together into a
new structure: Where Christ’s Spirit dwells, where Christ’s Spirit
empowers us, to be peace-seekers, peace-finders, and peacemakers.**

*Hymn “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” 240

Easter Prayer

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*

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Alleluia! Christ is Risen!”

Mark Hayes

***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**

Eternal God, on this Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus’ faithfulness to your vision of love and justice, and your faithfulness to him through the Resurrection. We celebrate your love that knows each of us by name. We pray that these gifts may truly be symbols of our faithful discipleship and that they may bless the world with Jesus’ love. Amen!

***Closing Hymn** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

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Note: If you’d like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus during the Benediction with the choir, please come up during the closing hymn.

***Benediction**

May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you in love, and fill you with joy.

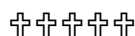
We shall celebrate Easter! Alleluia! We will live our lives to the Glory of God, and live in Easter joy and Easter hope.

May the blessing of God be upon your homes, the blessing of Christ be upon us, the blessing of the Spirit be on us all.

Chorale Benediction “Hallelujah Chorus”

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgists: (8:15 am) **Mary Crampton**, (10:30 am) **Carrie Wilkens**

Musicians: **Chancel Choir** (8:15 am & 10:30 am);

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder, Greg Johnson & Ruth Dukelow**

Easter Orchestra (10:30 am)

Violin: Emily Lassiter | Viola: Evan Wilkens

Flutes: Enid Lang, Cece Klueh, Henry Koon, Bianca Stoesz

Clarinet: Nick Samsal | Saxophone: Dale Copeland

Trumpet: Randy Dop, Emma Wasko

French Horn: Becky Dop, Linda Johnson

Trombone: Gordon Barry, Sam Radtke

Bass: Andy Nail | Accordion: Pamara Ritter

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.

Greeters

8:15 am: **Karen & Fred Alonzi**

10:30 am: **Mike & Nancy Hoaglund**



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 closed Monday, April 10. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 11 at 8:30 am.

WoW! Dinner & Programs

April 12 will be the final program for the season. "Chef's Choice" dinner (including salad and dessert) will begin at 5:30 pm. 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.

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.

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.

Adult Faith Formation: Sundays

Please join us before worship on Sundays, 9–10:00 am for interesting and informative speakers and topics designed to expand our minds and grow our faith.

April 16: Katherine Cherian will present, "Demystify Advanced Care Planning."

April 23: John Crampton from the Oak Grove Green Committee will present, "Waking Up to Fight Climate Change."

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 which will also be livestreamed.

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.

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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. <https://bit.ly/3Ke8vDH>

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.

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.

Oak Grove's Purpose

Oak Grove is a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith seeking to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Values

Beyond our faith in God, our example in Jesus, and guidance from the Holy Spirit, our congregational values are the underlying ethic by which we define our community.

Authenticity

Celebratory Joyfulness

Compassion

Deep Relationships

Humble Curiosity

Inclusivity

Justice

Statement of Land Acknowledgement

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.

For more information, please visit our website www.oakgrv.org.