

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

Loving God... Changing Lives!



OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431
952-888-4621 | www.oakgrv.org

May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

10:30 am



*Thank
you*



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”

– Robert Swan, Founder of 2041 Federation

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

The earth and everything in it was created by God: the world and all who live in it.

We recognize the Dakota people as the traditional stewards of the land where we now worship. We acknowledge the historic and on-going harm done to Indigenous people.

We are called as a people of faith to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with God.

Therefore, we commit to repair relationships through action, honesty, listening, truth-telling, repentance, and restoration.

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Jason Chimchirian

The Good News is proclaimed to the world!

We are witnesses of these things.

Hope is Alive, in the acts of kindness we share with one another;

We are witnesses of these things.

Joy is palpable, in the celebration of the Risen Christ!

We are witnesses of these things.

Your sins are forgiven, and you have new life, now and always—

We are witnesses of these things.

*Opening Hymns

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*Prayer of Confession

Jason Chimchirian

Holy One, we confess that we lose faith. We become comfortable with the things wrong in this world. We become content with systemic sin when it benefits us. We accept that there are things we cannot change without striving for justice. Forgive us. Call us back into right-living: to remember the commandments, to work for justice in loving-kindness, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Remind us that your way of life is not simply a ticket to heaven but a transformation of our very selves. Forgive us of our sins, and love us into your way.

*Assurance of Grace *(based on Lamentations 3:22–23)*

Jason Chimchirian

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” God’s steadfast love never ends. God loves you, right now, and will always love you.

There is no place we can hide, no place we can get lost, where God will not be with us. We are loved, forgiven, and restored. Alleluia! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Jason Chimchirian

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.)*

We Listen for God’s Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Hymn of Response

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (vss 1–3)

700

Scripture

Acts 1:1–14 (NT: p. 118 | LPNT: p. 143)

Message

Recognition of Volunteers

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “He Never Failed Me Yet”

Robert Ray

*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

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. 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

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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*Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Jason Chimchirian;**

Musicians: **Chancel Choir** | Soloist: **Emma Wasko;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Pierce Flanagan & Greg Johnson;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Dale & Jan Kidd,**
in *honor* of **daughter Katie Mulbach,** and
Carol Long, in *memory* of the **parents Grace & Scott.**



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.

Greeter: **Betty Huisman**



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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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

The Oak Grove Nominating Committee invites the congregation to submit recommendations of people to serve as Elders or Deacons of Oak Grove (or Youth Elder for the class of 2024). You may also nominate yourself. Qualifiers are a faithful heart open to learning and growing, and a willingness/ability to meet for collaboration in service of God to our congregation. ***All nominations are due by Sunday, June 11, 2023.***

To suggest a name for consideration, nomination forms are available on the Welcome table, online at to www.oakgrv.org/nominate/ or by speaking with Pastor Bart or Kathy Howell (952-200-5129 or kathyhowell@comcast.net), Nominating Committee Chair.

Thank you!

Summer Schedule (through Labor Day Weekend)

- Sunday worship service is at 9:30 am
- Church office hours: 8:30 am–3 pm (Mon–Thurs) & 8:30 am–noon (Fri)

Vacation Bible School

Join us June 12–15 (Monday–Thursday), 9:00 am to noon, as we explore what all living things need to live – shelter, food, water, air and community – and how we can have compassion for the living earth.

Through scripture, games, science, music, art, and yoga, children will consider how to become co-sustainers and participants in the work of God’s creation. Using Psalm 104 as our grounding text, we will closely examine the interconnectedness of the whole earth, humans alongside nature and creatures.

We welcome all children 3 years old through completed 5th grade. **Registrations are due by Wed, June 7**, early registration is recommended. The cost is \$30 per child (\$70 for three or more children), and scholarships are available upon request. Please register at: www.oakgrv.org. For more information, please contact Pastor Mary.



OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



May 23 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10am–Noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)

May 25 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)

May 25 | Bible Study (12–1 pm)
via Zoom (<https://bit.ly/2YttqhM>)

May 25 | Antiracism Accountability (6:30–8 pm)
via Zoom (<https://bit.ly/3JQoN4l>)

May 29 | **Memorial Day: Office Closed**

June 1 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)

June 1 | Summer Book Discussion (7–8:30 pm)
*Between the Listening and Telling:
How Stories Can Save Us*
Contact Pastor Bart
Location: TBA

June 4 | Summer Book Discussion (10:30–11:30 am)
*Between the Listening and Telling:
How Stories Can Save Us*
Contact Pastor Bart

June 6 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

Pentecost Special Offering: April 10–May 28

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Thank you!

Ways you can give: Use the special offering envelope, write a check to Oak Grove (put Pentecost in the memo line) or donate online at:
<https://www.oakgrv.org/donate/>

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!

Oak Grove's Purpose

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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.