

*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  
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**May 28, 2023**

**Pentecost**

**9:30 am**



**A Thought to Ponder** (from the Social Justice Committee)

“When people were hungry, Jesus didn’t say, ‘Now is that political, or social?’ He said, ‘I feed you.’ Because the good news to a hungry person is bread.”

– Desmond Tutu, South African Anglican bishop and theologian

# 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

Emilie Christie

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Grant us your peace.**

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Give us your power.**

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Grace us with your presence.**

Let us worship God.

## \*Opening Hymn

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Emilie Christie

**Almighty God, we confess our sins to you. We have not cared for your earth the way we care for some of our prized possessions. We have polluted the air and poisoned the water. For a people who are baptized in water as symbolic of the Holy Spirit, we have treated you and your gifts as if they were trash. Forgive us, O God, and hold us accountable.**

**Help us to find ways to reduce and eliminate pollution. May we work to clean the air and reduce our carbon footprint in this world. For how can we know your Spirit when we do not treat your breath, your wind, as if it were precious? How can we know your Spirit when we waste water, the very lifeblood that flows in you as a wellspring of eternal life? Forgive us, O God, and instill in us your wisdom and understanding to care for the earth as your precious gift to us. Help us to care for this home you have given us and for the basic needs of clean air and water for all your children. Amen.**

## **\*Assurance of Grace**

Emilie Christie

**“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

**Nothing can separate us from God’s love. May that love of God call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to care for their needs. May that love of God remind us that we are intertwined with all creation and that we are called to care for the earth as if it is our only home. May we depend on each other to do this work Christ has called us to do. Amen.**

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

Emilie Christie

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

**Anthem** "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" *arr. Dawson*

**Scripture** Acts 2:1–13 (NT: p. 119 | LPNT: p. 144)  
1 Corinthians 12:3–13 (NT: p. 174 | LPNT: p. 212)

### Message

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

#### Call to Offering

**Anthem/Offertory** "Breath of God" *Tice/Kantor*

### \*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**

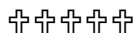
“We Will Go Out with Joy”

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;

Liturgist: **Emilie Christie** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin, Bob Gerdes & Ruth Dukelow**;

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Dick & Joyce Reinke**,  
in *honor* of *our 62nd anniversary*.

### **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.

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

***All nominations are due by Sunday, June 11, 2023.***

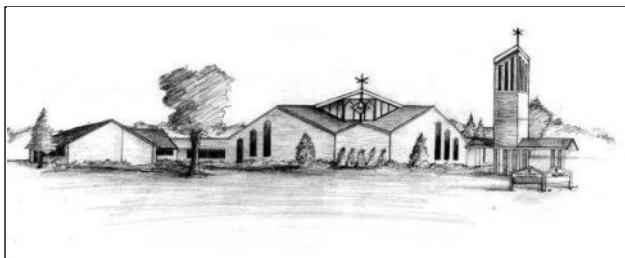
# Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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.

[ogpc@oakgrv.org](mailto:ogpc@oakgrv.org)

952-888-4621

## 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](http://www.oakgrv.org). For more information, please contact Pastor Mary.



# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



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: Amira Bloomington  
(5601 American Blvd W)  
Great Room/Private Dining area.

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)*

June 8 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*

June 12 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)  
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)  
*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*

June 12 | Soul Sisters (7–8:30 pm)  
Location: home of Karen Gerdes  
Contact Pastor Mary

*All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.*

## Oak Rovers

Tuesday, June 6: Links Mini Golf  
Location: Dred Scott Field  
(10820 Bloomington Ferry Rd)

Tickets are \$8 (cash only) and tee off times start at 2:30 pm, then to Zeke's for supper at 4 pm. We will carpool from church at 2 pm. Sign up at church.

Questions? Contact Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900).

Monday, July 24: Boat Cruise on Lake Minnetonka (11:30 am to 1 pm)

Tickets are \$25, which includes lunch, and need to be paid in advance by June 25. We will carpool from church at 10 am. Sign up and pay at church or mail your check to Darlene Thronson.

Questions? Contact Darlene (952-446-7088).

## Oak Grove Hand Bell Choir: Saturday, June 3 (3:00 pm)

Join us at St. Luke's Lutheran (1701 W Old Shakopee Rd) in concert with other churches for "GatheRing in the Light." Bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation in support of VEAP.

## **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](http://www.oakgrv.org).