

*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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**June 4, 2023**

**Trinity Sunday & Graduation Sunday**

**9:30 am**



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

“The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.”

– Mahatma Gandhi, Indian lawyer

## We Gather in God's Name

### Prelude

"Transitions of the Heart"

*Matthew Compton*

*(please see special note at the end of the bulletin)*

### 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

James Robles

Architect of the universe, Creator of heaven and earth,

**We join together in awe and wonder to praise your name.**

Spirit of Life, breathing life into all and moving us to justice,

**We worship as one body with many gifts of use to the world.**

Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for us,

**We follow your way, your truth, and your life as disciples.**

Holy God, Blessed Three-In-One, though we do not fully understand, we trust in you,

**And worship, follow, and join with you on this journey of faith.**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

## \*Opening Prayer

James Robles

**Gracious God, you create life from the earth on which we dwell and breathe into it new life and meaning. Graciously you empower us with knowledge and skills to aid one another as we live out our life on this earth. Bless our gathering this day as we recall your grace and kindness to these young lives and celebrate the endings and beginnings of the opportunities you provide. Empower us all to live lives worthy of the callings you offer, that we may strengthen one another and your creation as we walk together with you through this life. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## \*Passing of the Peace

James Robles

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

**Viola Solo**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

*arr. Burswold*

**Scripture**

Romans 12:9–12 (NT: p. 162 | LPNT: p. 197) Evan Wilkens

**Message**

Cassie Acker, Kylie Borchardt & Hera Roush

### Blankets & Blessings

**O God, surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education into action for the good of all. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. Help them to look forward to their next steps: give them faith and a sense of purpose. Let them know, always, that they are beloved children of God.**

## **Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

### **Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory** “No Greater Love”

*arr. John A Behnke*

### **\*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**

**Loving God, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings so that others may not feel alone, eat alone, live alone, or be alone, but that they may be surrounded by your grace and love. Let these gifts and our lives be a blessing for the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

*Communion will be by intinction. Center pews go to the center aisle and return by inside aisle; pews by the stained-glass windows walk to the windows and return by inside aisle. Please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat. The juice is non-alcoholic.*

*Gluten free is available as well.*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **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.**

### **Words of Institution**



**Chancel flowers** are given by **Oak Grove**,  
in **honor of Wyatt Krentz & World Clubfoot Day.**

*Prelude: This piece was commissioned by the parents of two transgender siblings. The composer meant it to be an anthem of strength and hope for those who have found themselves to be learning about who they truly are in the transgender community; those who have found acceptance and love through their transition, or those who might still be unsure and scared. The piece tells the story of innocence in childhood, a noticeable change, frustration and challenge, and then an eventual love and acceptance, not only from friends and family, but also for oneself.*

*As we play this piece, our hope is that you will feel the story and struggle of those in the transgender community and find love and acceptance for those who need it and share their story with others. This performance is dedicated to our incredible trans siblings, and children. We love you and we are so glad you were born!*

## 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: **John & Jeri Anderson**



### 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)

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# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



- June 5 | *Pat Wilson Memorial Service*  
10 am: visitation  
11 am: service with lunch following  
<https://bit.ly/3qngDvD>
- June 6 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)  
*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*  
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
- June 8 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- June 12 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)  
*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*  
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)
- June 12 | Soul Sisters (7–8:30 pm)  
Location: home of Karen Gerdes  
Contact Pastor Mary
- June 14 | Summer Supper Potluck (6:00 pm)  
Location: home of Bev Bliss  
Contact Kathy Tominski (952-888-0697)
- June 15 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

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## 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).



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Pat Wilson** who joined the church triumphant on May 29, 2023. "In Life and Death we belong to God."

## **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).