

*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 11, 2023**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 am**



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

“It takes a monster to kill children. But to watch monsters kill children again and again and do nothing isn't just insanity - it's inhumanity.”

– Amanda Gorman, American National Youth Poet Laureate

## We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
“Siyahamba”

*arr. J Raney*

*arr. J Carter*

### **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**

Sylvia Moore

Come among us, God. You who cast the planets into space and cradle the sparrow in her nest.

**Come, God, and meet us here.**

Come among us, God. You who bless the poor and the broken and stand by the sad and the strong.

**Come, God, and meet us here.**

Come among us, God. You who dance in the silence, and shine in the darkness.

**Come, God, and meet us here. Let us worship God!**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

## \*Prayer of Confession

Sylvia Moore

Loving God, you know the purposes of our hearts and the will of all creation. We confess that we have not cared for Earth and all creatures as you meant for us to do; we have not cared for one another as you have commanded; we have not loved ourselves with the regard that honors wholeness and peace of mind. Be our guide, our judge, our joy. Show us the way of your abundant life and turn us always to that path so that we may live and move in renewed commitment to what is just and good. Forgive us, and fill us with compassion for others, the earth and her creatures... (*silent confession*)

## \*Assurance of Grace

Sylvia Moore

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! We are free to begin again. AMEN**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Sylvia Moore

We are part of the beloved community – that is worthy of celebration. 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**      "Hippopotamus Song" (*on screens*)

**Scripture**                Psalm 104 (OT: p. 554 | LPOT: p. 682)  
*selected verses*

**Message**                 Compassion: What Every Living Thing Needs

## **Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

### **Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory** “Here I Am, Lord”

*arr. J Carter*

### **\*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**

**Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us; a generous stream, unstoppable, refreshing, abundant. We release these gifts into your river of love, flowing out to all the world. 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**

“Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being” (vss 1–2 & 4–5) 34  
*sung to Hyfrydol (melody)*

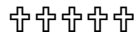
### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

“Lord of the Dance”

*arr. J Carter*

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Liturgist: **Sylvia Moore;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes, Randy Dop & Cece Klueh;**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Howard & Diane Baumgartner,**  
in *memory* of **Susan, wife and mother.**

***Please note the church office will be closed Monday, June 19  
in observance of Juneteenth.***

## 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: **Anne & Larry Klueh**



### 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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## OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

### **Owámniyomni (St. Anthony Falls) Historical Visit: Saturday, July 8 Going beyond our land acknowledgement**

Join fellow Oak Grovers as we meet with a representative from Friends of the Falls to get informed, have some fun and enjoy great Indigenous food. Friends of the Falls is a non-profit organization committed to implementing a Native-led vision for land adjacent to the Upper Lock at Owámniyomni (St. Anthony Falls), recognizing the cultural significance of the area to the Dakota people and other Native communities who inhabited the land long before the city was established. They are assessing various structures for long-term ownership of the site. Tribal ownership is one possible scenario.

Arrival at the site will be two ways. Some of us will bike there (approximately 5 miles), all on trail, no traffic. Non-riders are invited to drive there, and we will meet to eat and hear the presentation. Please register on the church website (<https://bit.ly/3odpL57>) or contact Ron Dubis at 612-868-9194 (text is fine). Further information on time and place to follow upon registration.



### **Worship at Moir Park & Annual Church Picnic: Sunday, Aug. 13**

Come worship at the Moir Park Pavilion (10320 Morgan Ave S,) at 10:30 am and then stay for the annual church picnic to enjoy the outdoors, lunch and fellowship!

Some people have asked about bringing back a potluck for lunch. In order to make that happen, we will need your participation. Here's what's needed in the set-up and clean-up for the picnic: 1) wash down the tables/seating at the picnic ground; 2) table coverings and decoration; 3) haul tables from church for the food serving area; 4) haul tables back to church and do any cleanup of utensils and dishes we used.

If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet on Sunday at the information table. Based on the interest and capabilities of those who are willing to serve, we will make a decision to move ahead with a potluck or continue a box lunch option for the picnic by mid-June. We look forward to a leisurely gathering time together, thank you!

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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 (7–9:00 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)

June 17 | *Judy Gentry Memorial Service*  
10 am: visitation  
11 am: service with lunch following  
<https://bit.ly/3q9tBwC>

June 19 | **Juneteenth: Office Closed**

June 21 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)  
Book: *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya  
Location: home of Arlene Jullie  
RSVP to Pastor Mary

June 22 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

June 22 | Summer Book Discussion (7–8:30 pm)  
*Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to  
Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining  
Our Future* by Patty Krawec  
Contact Pastor Bart (Location: TBA)

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

## Gold Name Tags

Are you wondering why some worshippers have gold-colored name tags? They are worn by people who are not yet members of Oak Grove. We do this so that people can warmly greet those with the different name tags. Please welcome them by introducing yourself.

## Clearwater Forest Scholarship Fund

On Saturday, July 15, Don Alman will ride in the 20th Annual Lake 2 Lake 50 Mile Bike Tour to raise money for the Clearwater Forest Scholarship Fund. If you would like to sponsor him this year, please contact Don (dalmanfh451@msn or 952-888-4083) for more details.

## Oak Rovers

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'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).