

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 18, 2023

Pride Sunday

9:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Do you know what a foreign accent is? It’s a sign of bravery.”

– Amy Chua, "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother"
(Filipino-Chinese-American lawyer, legal scholar, and writer)

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

Cece Klueh

Hear, O people of God, and declare that the Lord is our God.

Our Lord is indeed God, the One who is Creator of heaven and earth and all who dwell in it.

We gather in response and gratitude to God's invitation and love for us.

We've come to worship the God who created all humanity in God's image and likeness, equal in dignity and worthy of regard and care.

Let us worship our great God together.

To the God of justice, love, and peace we lift up our hearts and minds and voices.

For even in the midst of injustice and oppression, this is still the day that the Lord has made.

And we shall rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

“For the Beauty”

Maren Tirabassi

**For the rainbow’s beauty cast, after floods of human tears,
arks of safety in the past, -- claiming faith and conquering fears
God of all, to you we raise -- this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love – partners named by church and state,
allies here and friends above, choosing risk to challenge hate –
God of all to you we raise – this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the church with open doors, for the pews where all may rest,
for each child by love restored, once outside, now home and blessed –
God of all, to you we raise -- this our hymn of grateful praise.**

***Opening Prayer**

Cece Klueh

**Loving and Liberating God, you who desire the freedom and flourishing
of all creation, manifest yourself among us as we worship you today.
God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your
works. You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of
beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation.**

**Prepare our hearts to hear and receive what your Spirit will say to
us through the Word and prayers, the sermon and song. Clarify our
vision so that we may recognize and equally regard the humanity of
all people. Reorient our hearts and our minds so that after we depart
from this service we may continue your ministry of justice, liberation,
and love to and for all in this country and the world. In the name of
Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Cece Klueh

**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

Prayer

Gracious God, pour out your blessing on these young people and their leaders as they prepare to go out in your name. Give them energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, that they may treasure this experience as an opportunity to learn and to grow. Use them in positive ways so that others see your love and your promises. Protect them, teach them, and support them as they take this next step in their own journey to becoming the people you want them to be. Fill them with the Holy Spirit and enable them to do their tasks faithfully and joyfully. Bring them safely home and then let their experience further enrich us, so that we too will glorify you by learning and serving our community in the love of Christ.

Hymn of Response “We Are One in the Spirit” (verse 1) 300

Scripture Genesis 1:26–27 (OT: p. 1 | LPOT: p. 2)
Numbers 27: 1–11 (OT: p. 146 | LPOT: p. 183)

Message

Affirmation of Faith (*adapted from the Confession of Belhar*)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. (*continued next page*)

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.

We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin.

We believe that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

We believe that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine that absolutizes natural diversity in such a way that this hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church.

We reject any doctrine that professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers are alienated from one another and in despair of reconciliation.

We reject any doctrine that denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin.

We reject any doctrine that maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things,

even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

We believe that Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

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Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “You Will Be Found”

Paul/Pasek

***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**

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. 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** “God, May Your Justice Roll Down” *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*
Sung to the tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8 ("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")

**God, may your justice roll down like the waters you send here,
And may your righteousness flow like a stream without end here!
Praying this prayer, many have struggled and dared,
All for the world you intend here.**

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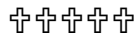
**Christ, we give thanks for past saints who renewed education,
Freed the oppressed, brought your healing and fought segregation.
Savior and Lord, great were the risks they endured,
Bearing your hope and salvation.**

**We as your church now remember these stories of others
And pray your Spirit will send us, as your sons and daughters.
Show us the way we, too, can serve you each day
Till justice rolls down like waters.**

*Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Cece Klueh** | Drums: **Caitlin Lucic;**

Singers: **Cece Klueh, Violette Lagani, James Robles,
Emma Wasko & Kat Wenz;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Bob Gerdes & Ruth Dukelow;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Oak Grove,**
in ***honor of and appreciation for the VBS volunteers and helpers.***

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

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

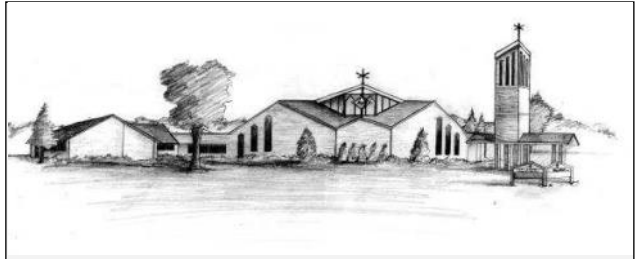
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

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.

Greeter: **Kathy Howell**



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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From the Supportive Housing Committee

Part of our mission related to housing is to respond to emergency needs of people experiencing homelessness. Through the organization Agate Housing & Services (agatemn.org) based in Minneapolis, we are planning an activity of packing bags of snacks to give to people coming into their drop in center for assistance. At the time they do not have any snack donations to give out and this committee would like to buy an assortment of bulk snacks as recommended by staff at Agate and pack items into lunch sacks to pass on to Agate staff. We would like to share this opportunity with the congregation on Sunday, June 25 after the worship service. It will be a brief activity of 5–10 minutes. The bags will be delivered to Agate the next day. They typically give out 25–50 snack bags every weekday and these foods are much appreciated by the people coming in for help and services.

Agate is committed to helping every person and family have a stable place to live, with their basic human needs met. Thank you for your consideration.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

“Thanks” from Former Youth Group Members

On Sunday, June 4, 13 former Oak Grove youth choir and youth group members, most from graduating classes between 1969–1971, met in Gideon Pond fellowship hall to celebrate our camaraderie and the guidance we received from our wonderful leaders and mentors. Roger Parker, Arne & Carolyn Ness, Lois Benson, Leota Campbell, Betty Johnson, and many others were remembered with love and gratitude during our afternoon together.

While more than 50 years may have passed since our last time together, it soon felt like a typical Wednesday night after school: laughter, chatting, food, and friendship. I feel such enormous gratitude for the opportunity to see my friends again, and to remember those idyllic times, figuratively cradled in the arms of Oak Grovers in the name of Christ.

Many thanks to Oak Grove Church. You influence lives! From Terrie Hall on behalf of Karen Bruder, Bill Chadwick, John Chadwick, Chuck Fullerton, Pat Handlson, Joanne Johnson, Anne St. Martin Klueh, Nancy Egeberg Kukovich, Dean Mikkelson, Brian Miller, Charlie Pickard, and Sandy Stanko Knilans.



OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Calling Oak Grove Men & Women!

We are in need of more volunteers to help with funeral/memorial service refreshments and lunches. There is no food preparation as everything is provided by the family or caterer. Set-up, serving, and clean-up are the responsibilities. Sign up on Sunday in the narthex or by calling the church office (952-888-4621). Please consider this an opportunity for you to occasionally help out at Oak Grove—no experience needed!

Join the inaugural Juneteenth celebration in Bloomington!

The city of Bloomington and its community partners invite you to join Bloomington's first Juneteenth celebration on Monday, June 19. It's happening at the Kennedy High School Activities Field (150 E 98th St) from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be food, vendors, entertainment and so much more!

View the promotional video at: <https://youtu.be/m8ialZ21Vkc> (*look for familiar faces*)

Pancake Breakfast for VEAP: Tuesday, July 4

Join fellow Oak Grovers and friends at the home of Bob and Karen Gerdes (10741 Sheridan Ave). Please bring a non-perishable food item or cash/check to donate. Over 13 years of fundraising, you have helped donate more than \$35K and 2,400 pounds of food to VEAP!

Owámniyomni (St. Anthony Falls) Historical Visit: Saturday, July 8

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. For more information and to register, please visit 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. Some people have asked about bringing back a potluck for lunch. In order to make that happen, we need help with set-up for and clean-up after the picnic: If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet on Sunday at the information table. We look forward to a leisurely gathering time together, thank you!

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



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

June 23 | *Angela Romeo Memorial Service*
2 pm: service with dessert/coffee after
<https://bit.ly/3P3T45c>

June 25 | Summer Book Discussion (10:30–11:30 am)
Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Future by Patty Krawec
Contact Pastor Bart

June 27 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10am–Noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)

June 28 | Summer Supper Potluck (6:00 pm)
Location: home of Bill & Lisa Pomroy
Contact Kathy Tominski (952-888-0697)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

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).

Notary Services

Oak Grove has a commissioned Notary Public on staff. Church members may have documents notarized free of charge. Simply call ahead (952-888-4621) to schedule a convenient date and time. Please note that we are not able to notarize real estate documents.

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.