

*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 25, 2023**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 am**



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

“He who opens a school door, closes a prison.”

– Victor Hugo, French Romantic writer and politician

# 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

Greg Johnson

God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

**My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.**

God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into one body, the body of Christ.

**Together we answer, Here we are Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.**

God calls the small, and helps them do great things. God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts. God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

**Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.**

Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

**Here we are Lord. Shine the light of your love on us and kindle your Spirit within us as we worship you.**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Greg Johnson

**Awakening God, we confess at times we have fallen asleep. The weight of the world is too much. There is too much pain, injustice, sorrow, oppression—it makes us weary and it seems no matter what we do, it doesn’t make a difference. Nothing seems to change. Yet we know from our ancestors in the faith that you have made promises to us that still hold true: promises of love, hope, mercy, grace, and peace. Promises that we have experienced through the love and care of others.**

**Beloved God, may we not give up on you, though the world has failed us, though even the church has failed us. For you are our Creator and Sustainer, Redeemer of us all. You are the one who reminds us that there is nothing in all of creation that will separate us from your love. You are the one who rose after the deepest night. Wake us up, O God, to what you have intended for us, and let us not hold on to daydreams of the past or nightmares of helplessness. Wake us up, O God, to live into your way, your truth, and your life, in Christ’s name. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Grace**

Greg Johnson

There is hope still to be found. There is love. There is always love. Know that you are God’s beloved child, and there is no place you can hide, no place where you will be lost. There is nothing you can do that will take you from God’s love. Trust in this truth: God loves you and the promise of that love is written inside you, from your first breath until the end of time.

**We will go and share that love with one another, a love that builds up and holds fast against the struggles of the world. We will endure. We will make it through. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Greg Johnson

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**      “God of Great and God of Small” (verse 1)      19

**Anthem**      “I Will Guide Thee”      *Nathaniel Niles*

**Scripture**      1 Samuel 3:1–18 (OT: p. 247 | LPOT: p. 306)

### Message

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

#### Call to Offering

**Anthem/Offertory**      “Jesus, Be With Us”      *Gambrell/Morgan*

### \*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 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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\*Benediction

Postlude

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;

Liturgist: **Greg Johnson**;

Singers: **Sonya Butler, Karen Gerdes, Becky Dop, Anne Klueh,  
Don Alman, Gar Nordin, Bob Gerdes & Dick Nichols**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder, Randy Dob & Bob Gerdes**;

Chancel flowers are given by **Dorothy Beattie**,  
in *memory* of **husband Gordon**, and **Jim McCarl**, in *memory* of **wife Jean**,  
and in *honor* of **daughters Beth, Barbara & Susan**.

*Please note the church office will be closed  
Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.*



# Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

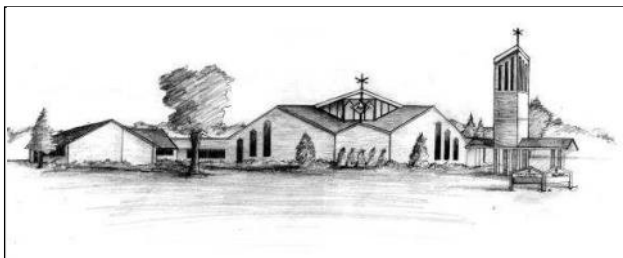
**Welcome, Oak Grove  
members and visitors, we're  
glad you're here!**

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: **Larry & Priscilla Pearson**



## **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

## **OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY**

### **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!

### **Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition: Thursdays (4:30–6:00 pm)**

Churches in the Bloomington-Richfield area are working together to provide free support and education for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. You can start any series at any time. There is no commitment on attendance and no cost, just show up! Group meetings are held on Thursdays, 4:30–6:00 pm. The Summer Series (July 6–Aug. 24) will be hosted at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church.

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



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

June 29 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

July 4 | **Independence Day: Office Closed**

July 8 | Creative Hands Crafting (9a–Noon)  
Contact Ruth Dukelow

July 10 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)  
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)  
*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*

July 10 | Soul Sisters (7:00 pm)  
Location: home of Karen Diller  
Contact Pastor Mary

*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).

## Join us for a Twins Game: Sunday, Aug. 6

Join fellow Oak Grovers at Target Field to cheer on the Minnesota Twins vs. the Arizona Diamondbacks (first pitch is scheduled for 1:10 pm). We have 40 seats reserved in section 303 and tickets are \$17. Look for a sign up in the narthex or via the website at: [www.oakgrv.org/game/](http://www.oakgrv.org/game/). The deadline to register is July 23. Questions? Contact Ron Dubis (612-868-9194).

## **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).