

*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  
952-888-4621 | [www.oakgrv.org](http://www.oakgrv.org)

**July 2, 2023**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 am**



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

“If it can't be reduced, reused, repaired, rebuilt, refurbished, refinished, resold, recycled, or composted, then it should be restricted, redesigned or removed from production.” – Pete Seeger, American Singer

## We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude**

Embodiment Prelude  
Sarabande

*Horey  
Bach*

**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**

We gather here today in the name of God our Creator, with hearts full of gratitude for the blessings in our lives;

**Hearts full of thanks for the beauty of God's creation;**

Hearts full of grace, as shown in the love of Jesus.

**Hearts full of longing for justice and equality in the world.**

We humbly seek hearts full of courage, to work tirelessly for the rights of all people;

**Hearts full of generosity, that we may freely give to those in need;**

Hearts full of compassion, to recognize the possibilities within every human being;

**Hearts full of wisdom, guided by the Spirit.**



## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God, we offer these gifts to you, to be used in service to the world you love. Bless and multiply this treasure that your justice and peace will fill the earth. Nurture our generosity, and in all things, make us instruments of your peace. 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**

**O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.**

### **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**

### **Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

## Prayer following Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us at this table in the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

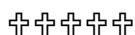
### We Go Forth in God's Name

\*Closing Hymn                    "Light Dawns on a Weary World"                    79

\*Benediction

Postlude                    "Shape of My Heart"                    *Sting*

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Guest Musicians: **Jennifer Lang (violin) & Scott Horey (marimba);**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Pierce Flanagan & Cece Klueh;**

Washington D.C. Youth Trip Participants: **Amy Zsohar, Chad Acker, Lily Dodge, Cassie Acker, Tatum Gillies, JJ Johnson, Violette Lagani, Nat Myers, Kat Wenz, & Mary Koon.**

Chancel flowers are given by **Sharon Nolte**, in *memory* of **brother Bob Esnough**, and **Carol Osweiler**, in *memory* of **Pat Wilson**.

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

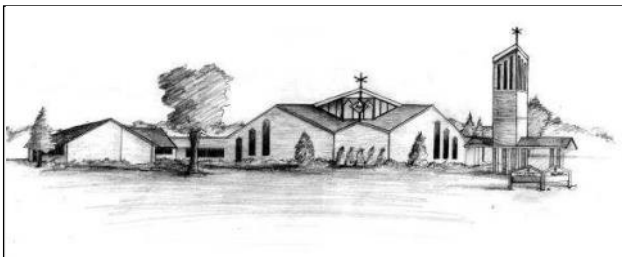
# Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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.



## **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

## **CHANCEL FLOWER SIGN-UP!**

Every week beautiful flowers grace the Sanctuary. Contributing flowers is a way to glorify God and beautify the chancel area. The contribution can be in honor or memory of someone, in celebration of milestone events or as thanksgiving for friends and family. Your dedication will appear in the Sunday bulletin for your chosen date.

There are two arrangements available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. After Sunday service, you are welcome to bring your arrangement home or, if you prefer, the Deacons can bring it to someone on the prayer list. Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 or [urbanfields8@gmail.com](mailto:urbanfields8@gmail.com) to sign up and reserve your special date.

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



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

July 6 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

July 6 | Grief Support (4:30–6:00 pm)  
Topic: Body, Mind, Spirit Connection  
Hosted by Oak Grove

July 8 | Creative Hands Crafting (9a–Noon)  
Contact Ruth Dukelow (952-923-0799)

July 9 | Kurt Berens Memorial Service (11:30 am)  
brother of Marikay Wolf

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

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

July 12 | Summer Supper Potluck (6:00 pm)  
Location: home of Jody Milton  
Contact Kathy Tominski (952-888-0697)

July 13 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

July 13 | Grief Support (4:30–6:00 pm)  
Topic: Who Am I?  
Hosted by Oak Grove

July 18 | Roger Hornnes Memorial Service (12:30 pm)  
Fort Snelling National Cemetery

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

## **Pancake Breakfast for VEAP**

Join fellow Oak Grovers and friends at the home of Bob and Karen Gerdes (10741 Sheridan Ave) on Tuesday, July 4 (8–11:00 am). Please bring a non-perishable food item or cash/check to donate.

## **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.

## **Twins Game: Sunday, Aug. 6**

Join fellow Oak Grovers at Target Field to cheer on the Minnesota Twins vs. the Arizona Diamondbacks at 1:10 pm. Our tickets are in section 303 and cost \$17. Look for a sign up in the narthex or via the website at: [www.oakgrv.org/game/](http://www.oakgrv.org/game/). 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).