

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

July 9, 2023

6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Overconsumption and overpopulation underlie every environmental problem we face today.”

– Jacques-Yves Cousteau, French oceanographer, filmmaker & author

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Prelude"

by Andrew Hess

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

Vaughn Sheff

Jesus says, "Come to me."

We gather today, some of us joy-filled, others weary.

Jesus says, "Come to me."

We gather, ready to meet Jesus with our whole selves.

Jesus says, "Come to me."

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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***Opening Prayer**

Vaughn Sheff

God who brought us from the rest of last night to the new light of this day, be ever before us. Lead us on the journey of justice, guide us on the journey of peace, renew us with your grace. Forgive us and free us to be your beloved community. AMEN.

***Passing of the Peace**

Vaughn Sheff

Friends, God is at work within us! You are beloved by God! Let us greet one another with a sign of peace. 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 This Is the Day (*on screens*)

Special Music "The Summer" *by Balmorhea*
arr. Andrew Hess

Scripture Isaiah 30:15 (OT: p. 658 | LPOT: p. 805)
Matthew 11:28–30 (NT: p. 12 | LPNT: p. 14)
Jeremiah 31:25 (The Message)

Meditation "Rest for... all"

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Virginia Tate" *by Paul Smadbeck*

***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**

Good and generous God, we praise you and thank you for the gifts you so freely give. Use these gifts, and use us, we pray, to be co-creators of hope and healing in the world you love so much. 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

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

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*Benediction

Postlude

"Big Country"

*by Bela Fleck
arr. Andrew Hess*

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Mary Koon;**

Marimba: **Andrew Hess** | Liturgist: **Vaughn Sheff;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Rod Myers;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Bob & Sandy Crum,**
in *honor* of **granddaughters Eleanor and Althea.**



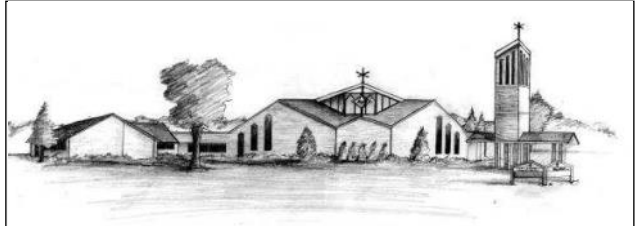
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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

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 to sign up and reserve your special date.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Hallelujah!

The pancake breakfast fundraiser for VEAP on Tuesday, July 4 was bigger and better than ever! Thank you to the teams of people (set up, serving, clean up) that made it possible. Almost 200 of you came, and yes it rained for a bit. We collected 91 pounds of food and \$5,000. VEAP has matching this month so our \$5,000 turned into \$10,000. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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.

The Deacons' Bench

Please come to the Deacons' Bench, located just outside the social hall and write a note to someone on the prayer list! We have Get Well, Sympathy, Birthday, and plain note cards. Place the recipient's name on the envelope and we will address it (if a church member) and mail it for you. This is a beautiful way to share Christ's love.

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.

Contact Information Changes

If you move or change your phone number or email address, please let the church know so we can update our records. Send any/all changes to ogpc@oakgrv.org or call 952-888-4621. Thanks for helping us keep everyone connected!

Out of Office

Sue Gjerset, Office Administrator will be on vacation July 9–17. Emails to Oak Grove will continue to be monitored.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



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
<https://bit.ly/3PJI6Dt>

July 19 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)
Book: *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya
Location: home of Arlene Jullie
RSVP to Pastor Mary

July 20 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

Twins vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

Join fellow Oak Grovers on Sunday, August 6 at 1:10 pm vs. Arizona for our annual group outing.

As a bonus, be ready as Twins manager Rocco Baldelli may call on someone from Oak Grove to see if ANYONE can get a hit with runners in scoring position! Well, maybe not, but it will be a day of fun at the old ballgame anyway.

We have 40 seats reserved in section 303. Tickets are \$17. The deadline to register is July 23 and we have very few signed up yet, so please do so online at www.oakgrv.org/game/ or by contacting Ron Dubis (612-868-9194). There will also be a sign up in the narthex.

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.