

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 (*from Romans 13:8–10*)

Iris Karow

Owe no one anything, except to love one another;

Those who love one another have fulfilled the law.

All of the commandments can be summed up under this:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

This is what we know, what we worship:

God is Love, and Love will overcome all things. Let us worship God, and follow Christ's way of love.

*Opening Hymn

"O for a World"

*Prayer of Confession

Iris Karow

We confess to you, O Christ, that we have not loved as we ought. We have judged, despised, ridiculed, and envied others. We have measured others against metrics that we dare not measure ourselves. We have placed heavy burdens on others, expecting them to lift themselves by their bootstraps, while forgetting our own places of privilege. Forgive us, O Christ, for love ought to level the field, by bringing us down and lifting those from the margins. Forgive us, O Christ, for justice ought to call us into humility and repentance. Forgive us, O Christ, for mercy ought to remind us of your great love for us. Forgive us, O Christ, that we receive grace and do not extend it. Call us into repentance, and lead us on right paths. In Christ's name, the name of Love, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace

Iris Karow

The Scriptures tell us time and again that God's steadfast love endures forever. Forever. There is nothing we can do that will take God's love away from us. But we can repent, and turn back, and know the fullness of God's love, forgiveness, and mercy.

We can humbly seek forgiveness, practice restorative justice, and know that God's steadfast love endures forever. Forever. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Iris Karow

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

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (verse 1)

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Scripture

John 15:9–17 (NT: p. 109 | LPNT: p. 134)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Artist of My Soul”

Rick Vale

*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

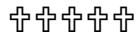
“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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*Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;

Liturgist: **Iris Karow** | Soloist: **Becky Dop**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Randy Dop & Ruth Dukelow**;

Volunteer Custodian: **Al Greimel**;

Chancel flowers are given by **Jody Milton**, in *memory*
of *husband Milt Milton*, and **Jack & Leona Kley**, in *memory*
of *Dolores Bonikowski*.

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.

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952-888-4621

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Calling Oak Grove Volunteers!

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 help out at Oak Grove—no experience needed!

VEAP Donations

Oak Grove's support for those in need in our community has always been awesome! We as a church will continue to collect donations year-round for VEAP, so please take note of the collection bin each time you come. There will be a sign with suggested donations by week of the month, but any and all non-expired food items are welcome, as well as diapers, toilet paper, cleaning items, etc. Monetary donations are also always welcome. Thank you for being the incredible people you are!

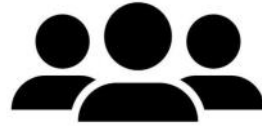
Outdoor Worship & Annual Church Lunch at Moir Park: Sunday, Aug. 13

Come worship at the Moir Park Pavilion (10320 Morgan Ave S,) at 10:30 am and then stay for the annual church lunch to enjoy the outdoors, food and fellowship! We have enough volunteers to proceed with a potluck-style meal. We will be asking that folks to bring tablecloths to cover the tables, your own beverages and an item from the list below based on the first letter of your last name:

- A–E: Main dish
- F–J: Salad
- K–N: Dessert
- O–S: Favorite potluck item
- T–Z: Snacks (i.e., chips, Doritos, etc.)



OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



- July 18 | Caregiver Tea 10:30am
- July 18 | Roger Hornnes Memorial Service (12:30 pm)
Fort Snelling National Cemetery
- July 19 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)
Book: *The All-Girl Filling Station Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg
Location: home of Iris Karow
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)
- July 20 | Grief Support (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: Intimacy
Hosted by Oak Grove
- July 20 | Summer Book Discussion (7–8:30 pm)
In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture
by Shannon T. Kearns
Contact Pastor Bart
- July 23 | Summer Book Discussion (10:30–11:30 am)
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Contact Pastor Bart
- July 25 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10am–Noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)
- July 26 | Summer Supper Potluck (6:00 pm)
Location: home of Chad & Dawn Acker

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.