

*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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**July 23, 2023**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 am**



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

“When liberal whites fail to understand how they can and/or do embody white supremacist values and beliefs even though they may not embrace racism as prejudice or domination, they cannot recognize the ways their actions support and affirm the very structure of racist domination and oppression that they wish to see eradicated.” – bell hooks, author (Talking Back: Thinking Feminist, Thinking Black)

# 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 (*adapted from Psalm 86*)

Eric Duvall

Teach us your way, O LORD, that we may walk in your truth;

**Give us an undivided heart to revere your name.**

We give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart,

**and we will glorify your name forever.**

For great is your steadfast love toward us;

**You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,**

Give strength to us all, your servants.

**In this time of worship, may we come before you with our whole heart open to your will.**

### \*Opening Hymn

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks" (vss 1 & 3)

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## **\*Opening Prayer**

Eric Duvall

**God our Savior, we pray that you will help us turn from the sin of this world and help us uproot the systems of evil that oppress and destroy. In your wisdom may we discern what is right and what is true: justice for the oppressed, inclusion for the marginalized, and mercy for the most vulnerable. May we be challenged to use any privilege and power we may have for those whose voices are silenced. Hold us accountable when we skate by with the status quo, when we feel it is too much to risk while others risk everything simply to be alive. Remind us that to truly know you is to know the most vulnerable among us and to be in solidarity in restorative work. In the name of Jesus Christ, who laid down all privilege, all power, to be as the most vulnerable among us, to die as one of us, and who rose for us, we pray. Amen.**

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

Eric Duvall

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**

**Loving God, as these children depart for camp may their steps be guided in the way of peace. May they find learning, growth, and fun along the way. May they make new friends, renew old friendships, and learn more about themselves. May the mosquitoes be guided away from them, and may the raindrops not fall into their cabin. May the food be delicious and the lake the right temperature, and may they have the courage to try new things and have new experiences. May they return home with all their belongings, and may they ever yearn to return to the land of summer camp. Amen.**

### **Hymn of Response**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (vss 1 & 3)

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## Scripture

Mark 11:12–26 (NT: p. 47 | LPNT: p. 58)

## Message

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

#### Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Room at the Table”

*Carrie Newcomer*

#### \*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

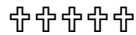
“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

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#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Liturgist: **Eric Duvall** | Musicians: **Summertime Singers;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Don Alman**

Chancel flowers are given by **Oak Grove**, with *gratitude* to the ***Monday morning crew (Oak Grove handymen)***, and ***Sunday volunteer custodians***.

## 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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# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

## Contribution & Pledge Statements

Contribution & pledge statements were sent out this past week covering all donations/offerings January 1 through July 16. We invite you to review your statement for accuracy.

*Reminder, our per-capita due to the PTCA is \$37.50 per member.* If you haven't had the opportunity to make this offering yet and are able to, we invite you to send in this donation marked 'per-capita'. You can also donate through the Oak Grove website, [www.oakgrv.org](http://www.oakgrv.org), for your per-capita.

Statements are e-mailed to your email address on file, or a hard copy is mailed for those we don't have a current email on file. Feel free to contact Laura Nemcek with any questions at 952-512-2052 or [LNemcek@oakgrv.org](mailto:LNemcek@oakgrv.org). **THANK YOU!**

## **Author Chad Montrie will present, "Minnesota is a Paradox" Wednesday, August 9 (7:00 pm) at Oak Grove**

Join us as Chad Montrie unpacks Chapters 1 and 7 of his book, *Whiteness in Plain View: A History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota*, specifically focusing on Bloomington's history of racial exclusion. Gain insight into our community's foundation built on white supremacy and land theft, and learn how our state, widely seen as "the progressive stronghold of the Midwest," continues to have some of the greatest racial disparities in our nation. This event offers an opportunity to confront the real truth about our history of white supremacy in Bloomington and make steps to collectively work toward repairing deep-seated racial divisions that persist today. We invite everyone who is interested in building racial equity into the fabric of our city to join us for this conversation.

## **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 are asking 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 23 | Summer Book Discussion (10:30–11:30 am)

*In the Margins: A Transgender Man's  
Journey with Scripture*

by Shannon T. Kearns

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

Contact Kathy Tominski (952-888-0697)

July 27 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)

*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*

Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

July 27 | Grief Support (4:30–6:00 pm)

Topic: There's More to You than Grief

Hosted by Oak Grove

Aug. 1 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)

Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)

*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*

*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 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/](http://www.oakgrv.org/game/) or by contacting Ron Dubis (612-868-9194). There will also be a sign up in the narthex.

## Oak Rovers: Monday, July 31 (5:00 pm)

Join us at Willy McCoys (10700 France Ave S, Bloomington 55431) for a bite to eat then off to Artistry (1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington) for the musical "Godspell" at 7:30 pm which is a "pay what you can" performance. Sign up at church or RSVP to Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900 or [pafisk1947@gmail.com](mailto:pafisk1947@gmail.com)).

## **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).