

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 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“We cannot rely upon the silenced to tell us they are suffering.”

– Hanan Ashrawi, Palestinian politician, legislator, activist, and scholar

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

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Hand Bell Quartet
arr. Kevin McChesney

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 105:1–4*)

Amanda Fineran

O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to God;

Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and God's strength;

Seek God's presence continually. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vss 1–3)

***Prayer of Confession**

Amanda Fineran

Creator God, we have neglected to care for the earth you formed, for the life you have grown, for the creatures with whom we share this planet. We have taken advantage of your commandment to be fruitful and multiply and have dominion, to the point that we have misused, abused, and used up the resources you entrusted us with. Instead of being good stewards of your gifts, we have exploited the earth for selfish gain. Call us into accountability, O God, for the water that is poisoned and the people who have become sick.

Hold us responsible, O God, for the forests we have destroyed and the carbon we have produced. Demand from us, O God, the work of restoration and repair in creation care. May we do these things while we seek your forgiveness and the forgiveness of creation around us for our part we have played. May we work for environmental justice and restoration for those in need, and for all. In the name of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray all these things. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Amanda Fineran

“For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands” (Isaiah 55:12). May we know the blessing of God’s good earth under our feet. May we hear the praise of the trees that rise above us.

May we sing the song of the rivers and oceans. May we remember that we are made in the image of our Creator to love and care for this earth and all of creation. May we seek forgiveness through the work of restoration and justice. May we share this work together. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Amanda Fineran

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 “For the Beauty of the Earth” (verse 4) 14

Scripture Genesis 1 (OT: p. 1 | LPOT: p. 1)
John 14:1–4 (NT: p. 108 | LPNT: p. 132)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “St. Anthony Chorale” *by Josef Hayden*
trans. by Charles Maggs

*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

Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our checks and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. 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**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vss 1 & 5)

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***Benediction**

Postlude

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Amanda Fineran** | Hand Bell Quartet: **Sharon Fields,
Mary Hedgcock, Linda Johnson & Carol Long;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Bob Gerdes & Ruth Dukelow;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Bob Heise**

Chancel flowers are given by **Rod & Sarajane Myers**, in *honor*
of **Sarajanes' mom, Catherine, on her 98th birthday.**



The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of
Kiki Lou, born July 25, 2023, in Seattle.

Parents are Hope Koon & Nicholas Schlagenhaft,
and proud grandparents are Pastor Mary & Jim Koon.

Welcome Kiki!

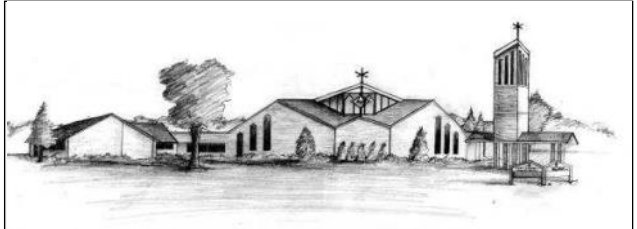
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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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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 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.)

Please have your name on any dishes, containers and serving utensils that you want returned to you. Lids can get separated so be sure to label those too. When you leave, please take your dishes and any leftovers with you.

Thanks for your help!

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



- Aug. 1 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Aug. 3 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- Aug. 3 | Grief Support (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: Soul Work
Hosted by Oak Grove
- Aug. 9 | Summer Supper Potluck (6:00 pm)
Location: Oak Grove (**revised**)
Host: Kathy Tominski
Questions? Contact Kathy (952-888-0697)
- Aug. 14 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.



Author Chad Montrie presents, "Minnesota is a Paradox"

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 9 (7:00 pm)

Location: Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

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.

We invite everyone who is interested in building racial equity into the fabric of our city to join us for this conversation.

Notary Services

Oak Grove has a commissioned Notary Public on staff. Church members may have documents notarized free of charge. Simply call ahead (952-888-4621) to schedule a convenient date and time. Please note that we are not able to notarize real estate documents.

Oak Grove's Purpose

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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.