

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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August 6, 2023

10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person.” – Fred Rogers, American television host, author, producer, and Presbyterian minister

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

Laura Orr

We gather today to worship God, who loved us before we were born.

Who knows us inside and out, through and through.

We gather to worship God whose presence never leaves us.

Who promises to love and guide us along the paths of truth all the days of our lives. This is our God! Let us worship together!

***Opening Hymn** “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace” (vss 1–4) 302

*Prayer of Confession

Laura Orr

Loving God, we thank you for holding our tears, our laments, as holy. Help us to see the world in all its beauty and depravity and steady us when we are tempted to look away. Forgive us for the ways we have disregarded our own bodies and exploited and mistreated the bodies of others. Have mercy on us for times we turn away from bodies in need. Restore us to health in body, mind, and spirit that we might serve you with authenticity and joy... *(silent confession)*

***Assurance of Grace**

Laura Orr

God whispers to us, “You are beloved. You are forgiven. Go and sin no more.”
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Passing of the Peace**

Laura Orr

As God’s people, forgiven and freed, let us greet one another with love.
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 “Let Us Build a House” (verse 3) 301

Scripture Psalm 139:1–19 (OT: p. 577 | LPOT: p. 710)

Meditation “Body Beautiful”

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Cool of the Day” *by Ritchie, arr. Amidon*

***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**

**Generous God, we offer these gifts to you, to be used in service to the
world You love. Bless and multiply this treasure that the hungry may
be fed, the naked clothed, and all find hope. 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

The Great Thanksgiving & 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 of grace. 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**

"Sacred the Body"

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***Benediction**

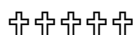
***Sending Song**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (verse 3)

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Postlude

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Laura Orr** | Soloist: **Cece Klueh;**

Director of Music/Piano: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder, Randy Dop & Ruth Dukelow;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Rod Myers**

Chancel flowers are given in *honor* of **Nancy Kachel, a friend to all,**
and, by **George Wasson,** in *memory* of **wife Pat.**

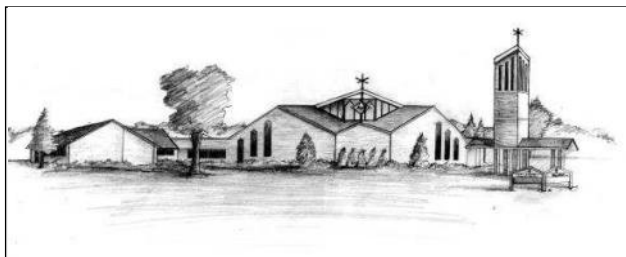
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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! Please note there will be no livestream of the service. The theme will be "Joy." If you have a story or poem to share, please contact Pastor Bart or Pastor Mary. We are asking that folks bring tablecloths to cover the tables, your own beverages, and an item to share from the list below based on the first letter of your last name:

A–E: Main dish (i.e., chicken from the deli at your local grocery store)

F–J: Salad | **K–N:** Dessert | **O–S:** Favorite potluck item

T–Z: Snacks (i.e., chips, Doritos, etc.)

If you have fresh garden flowers, please bring a few in a jar for table decor. Be sure to label all dishes, containers and serving utensils with your name so they can be returned to you. When you leave, please take your dishes and any leftovers home.

Thanks for your help!

An Indigenous History of Bloomington: Tuesday, Aug. 22 (6:30–8:30 pm)

Location: Bloomington Civic Plaza, Black Box Theater
(1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington)

Indigenous Peoples have inhabited and been in relationship with the land now called Bloomington, Minnesota for thousands of years. Historians Dr. Kate Beane and Peter DeCarlo will discuss this deep history, the Dakota people who have called this land home, and the impacts colonization has had on both the people and landscape. We will ask how history can inform art, help us heal divisions, and create a better future for our communities.

Program facilitators will be Dr. Kate Beane (Flandreau Santee Dakota and Muscogee Creek), executive Director, Minnesota Museum of American Art and Peter DeCarlo, Historian, Minnesota Historical Society.

This is a free presentation sponsored by the City of Bloomington Creative Placemaking. Please pre-register for this event at <https://bit.ly/43R7BVD>. A limited number of seats will be reserved for walk-ins at a first-come, first-served basis.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



- Aug. 8 | Lunch Bunch (11 am–2:00 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary
- Aug. 9 | Summer Supper Potluck (6:00 pm)
Location: Oak Grove (**revised**)
Host: Kathy Tominski
Questions? Contact Kathy (952-888-0697)
- Aug. 10 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- Aug. 10 | Grief Support (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: Will I Always Feel This Way?
Hosted by Oak Grove
- Aug. 14 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)
- Aug. 22 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10am–Noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)
- Aug. 23 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)
Book: *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
Location: home of Bev Heise
Contact Pastor Mary

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.

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.

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.