

*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**

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**Oct. 1, 2023**

**World Communion Sunday**

**10:30 am**



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

“Housing is a human right. There can be no fairness or justice in a society in which some live in homelessness, or in the shadow of that risk, while others cannot even imagine it.” – Jordan Flaherty, Writer, Film & TV Producer

## 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 (*based on Psalm 25*)

Marsha Pridgeon

We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

**We trust you with our past, present, and future.**

Teach us, O God, that we may know your ways.

**Guide our every move, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.**

Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

**Together, let us worship God!**

#### \*Opening Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

## \*Prayer of Confession

Marsha Pridgeon

**Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, God. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Transform us at the communion table and send us out to be your people in the world.**

## \*Assurance of Grace

Marsha Pridgeon

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace. By the power of God's love, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. AMEN**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Marsha Pridgeon

Let us greet one another as God's people, forgiven and freed to live abundant lives. 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**      "These Treasured Children" (verse 4)      487

**Scripture**      Exodus 17:1–7 (OT: p. 64 | LPOT: p. 79)

### **Message**

**Faith Talk** (*video*)

Nancy Kachel

## **Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

### **Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory**    Wana Baraka (Kenyan folk song)                      *arr. Kirchner*

*They have blessings, those who pray; Jesus Himself said so, Alleluia!*

*They have peace, They have joy, They have well-being.*

### **\*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 God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

*Communion will be by intinction; 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 (*on screens*)**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*(^ Father, Mother or Creator)*

**Our God<sup>^</sup> 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

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table. 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

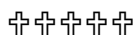
**\*Closing Hymn**                      "O for a World" (vss 1–3 & 5)                      372

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**                      Hevenu Shalom Aleichem (Israeli folk song) *arr. Edwards*  
*May Peace Be Upon You*

## Postlude

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Liturgist: **Marsha Pridgeon** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

Soprano Sax: **Dale Copeland** | Percussion: **Caitlin Lucic;**

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

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

Chancel flowers are given today by **Bob Ritter,**  
in *memory* of **grandmother Vivien Sommerfield.**

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

**Member Photo Directory Reminder:** There will be photographers available following worship to take simple head shots of individuals, couples and families. If you would prefer to submit your own photo instead, please email it to [ogpc@oakgrv.org](mailto:ogpc@oakgrv.org). We look forward to getting as many photos as possible!

**Singles Outing: Friday, Oct. 6:** We will meet at church at 10:45 am and then carpool to Sovereign Estates Winery in Waconia for lunch and some wine tasting. Questions? Contact Sharon Nolte at 952-88-1014.

## **Sunday, October 8 (LOTS going on!)**

Adult Faith Formation (9–10:00 am): Environmentalist and soil care specialist Russ Henry will present on Creation Care and the soil biome. We'll learn about your neighbors in the soil beneath us.

Presbyterian Bake Sale (9:30 am to Noon): The Presbyterian Women bake sale is the fundraiser for our mission giving. We invite any member to please bring a homemade or bought baked item to the church Saturday, Oct. 7 between 10 am and noon, or Sunday morning by 8:30 am. Please have items individually wrapped. Questions? Contact Jody Milton (612-730-3962).

Congregational Meeting (following worship): There will be a very short (~15 min) congregational meeting immediately following worship to elect the incoming class of Elders and Deacons. We hope you will join us.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Join us following worship service for an appreciation reception. Come and show your support with your presence, verbally and/or with cards or notes. If unable to attend, please reach out to Pastors Bart and Mary anytime.

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## **October is Pledge Month**

Pledging helps each of us align our financial support with our values, and it helps Oak Grove with budgeting and program planning. Pledge cards can be filled out and mailed to the church office or hold on to it and present it during worship on Oct. 22. You may also make your pledge online at [www.oakgrv.org/pledge/](http://www.oakgrv.org/pledge/).

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Oct. 3 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)  
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)  
*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*

Oct. 3 | Evening Star Circle (3–5:00 pm)  
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0674)

Oct. 5 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

Oct. 5 | Bible Study (12–1:00 pm)  
In-person or via Zoom  
Bring a lunch if you like  
Contact Pastor Bart of Mary

Oct. 5 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)  
Topic: Letting Go  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
(8600 Fremont Ave S, Bloomington)

Oct. 9 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)  
*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*  
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)

Oct. 9 | Soul Sisters (7–8:30 pm)  
Contact Pastor Mary

Oct. 10 | Lunch Bunch (11a–2:00 pm)  
Contact Pastor Mary

*All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.*

## Intergenerational Orchestra Opportunity: Sunday, Oct. 22

We'll be playing the prelude and hymns. There will be two rehearsals, Saturdays, Oct. 7 & 21 at 10:00 am. Please consider joining us!

Let Judy Cooper know so a folder can be ready for you! If you have questions, contact Judy at [jcooper@oakgrv.org](mailto:jcooper@oakgrv.org) or 952-250-9226.

## 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.

**WoW! Dinner & Programs** Join us Wednesday evenings for a time of fellowship. No reservations are needed. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm and each meal includes salad and dessert. The suggested meal donation is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children and a max of \$20 per family. Faith Formation begins at 6:15 pm.

Oct. 4: Pasta | Oct. 11: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

## **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).