

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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Oct. 8, 2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength-carrying two days at once. Worrying doesn’t empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.” – Corrie ten Boom, Dutch Christian writer and Holocaust survivor

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Psalm of Gladness

Handbells

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

Sam Radtke

God is calling you by name; what is your response?

I am God's beloved child, and I will follow.

God is showing us the way; what will you choose?

We choose the path of God's commandments and teachings.

God's reign is being prepared for us; what will you do?

We will live into God's reign on earth as it is in heaven.

In this time of worship, what is your answer to God?

In our breath, in our song, in our prayer, our entire being responds to God's call through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"We Praise You, O God"

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*Prayer of Confession

Sam Radtke

Almighty Creator of all, we confess that you have shown us through our ancestors, through scripture, throughout all history and tradition that you are with us and have prepared a way for us, but we have rejected you and your ways. We seek the ways of the world we have made: we seek notoriety, wealth, power, and security. These false idols have led us away from serving our neighbors in need, taking notice of the most vulnerable, and instead oppressing those who are different and choosing violence over love. Call us away from the false idols of the world we have made and lead us into your way of justice, mercy, and love. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Sam Radtke

Psalm 80 says, “Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we might be saved.” May we seek to repair and restore as God restores us.

As we pursue justice, may we live into God’s ways of justice. As we pursue peace, may God’s peace be made known to us. As we love one another, let us be assured of God’s unending, unmeasurable love for us.

We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Go and share the Good News. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Sam Radtke

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 “Let Us Build a House” (verse 1)

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Scripture Exodus 20:1–17 (OT: p. 66 | LPOT: p. 82)

Message

Faith Talk

Alicia Chimchirian

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "A Welcome Place"

Williams & Raney

*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

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy God, may we remember those who are forgotten too many times – the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable – yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. May these gifts be used well. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer's 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

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

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*Benediction

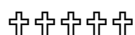
Postlude

"Gladness reprise"

Handbells

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

^ During hymn, children 3, 4, & 5 years old may leave for Children's Church



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Sam Radtke** | Musicians: **Handbells & Chancel Choir;**

Faith Speaker: **Alicia Chimchirian;**

Organist/Pianist & Handbell Director: **Nancy Jensen;**

Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

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

Chancel flowers are given today by **Pamara Ritter,**
in *memory* of **four grandparents.**

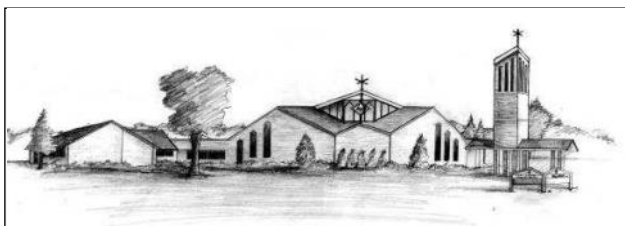
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Oct. 15 (9–10:00 am)

Sam Rockwell, Director of Move Minnesota, will speak about the dramatic expansion of Electric Mass Transit metro wide, the many benefits in terms of cutting costs (gas, parking, insurance), curbing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing access to employment, education, shopping etc. He will also ask attendees to talk frankly about their experiences riding transit and barriers that keep people from riding on light rail, bus rapid transit and buses. Unable to attend in person? Join the presentation via Zoom at: <https://bit.ly/opgc-aff>.

Oak Rovers: Monday, Oct. 16 (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 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” at 7:30 pm . This is a “pay what you can” performance. RSVP to Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900 or pafisk1947@gmail.com).

Ladies Who Lunch: Wednesday, Oct. 18 (noon)

All women are invited to participate in friendship and great book conversation over lunch. Please join us at the home of Iris Karow to discuss the book, “Firekeeper’s Daughter,” by Angeline Boulley. Please bring your own bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

Pastor Appreciation Reception: Sunday, Nov. 5

Please note the date change

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Join us in the social hall 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.

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/.

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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

Oct. 12 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

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

Oct. 12 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: A Guide to Navigating
Your Grief Journey
Christ the King Lutheran Church
(8600 Fremont Ave S, Bloomington)

Oct. 17 | Tea for Caregivers (10:30 am)
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 Saturday rehearsals, Oct. 14 (***this is a date change***) & Oct. 21 at 10:00 am. Please consider joining us!

Let Judy Cooper know so a folder can be ready for you! Questions? Contact Judy at jcooper@oakgrv.org or 952-250-9226.

Contact Information Changes

If you move or change your phone number or email address, please let the church know so we can update our records. Send any and all changes to ogpc@oakgrv.org or call 952-888-4621. Thanks for helping us keep everyone connected!

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 (Oct. 11: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup). 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. Please note, there will be no WoW! on Oct. 18 as it is MEA Weekend.

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.