

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!



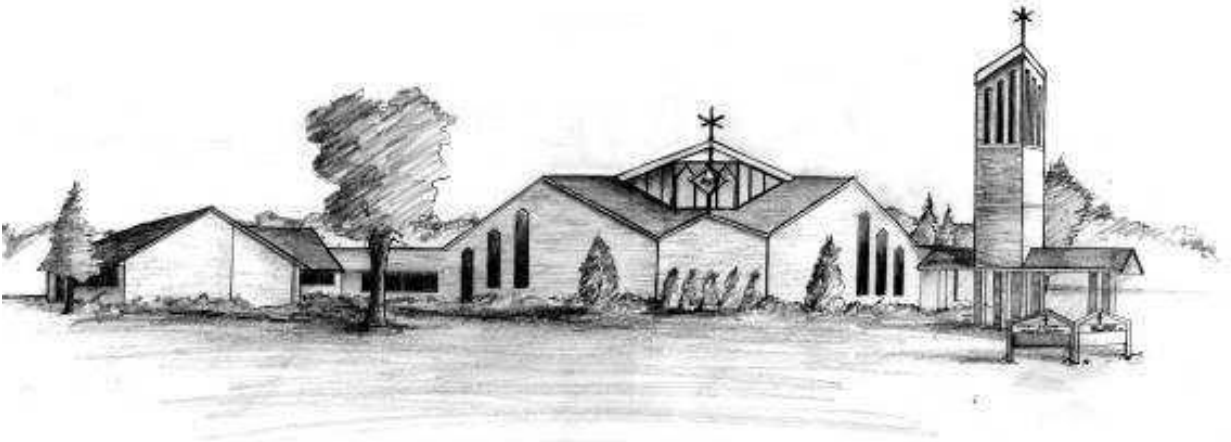
OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday in Lent

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder

"The abuse of women is well known in history, and tells you a lot about what is happening to our earth." – LaDonna Brave Bull Allard, Native American Dakota & Lakota historian, genealogist, and a matriarch of the water protector movement

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 19)*

Dick Reinke

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Your instruction, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls,

and your commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.

Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable to you,

O God, our rock and our redeemer!

*Opening Hymn

"Here in This Place"

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*Prayer of Confession

Dick Reinke

Almighty and Everlasting God, we confess that we have failed to live into your covenants. We have declined to follow your commandments. We have forgotten your teachings. We have disobeyed the simplest of teachings to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and selfishness. Remind us that when we love one another, we are loved. When we care for one another, you care for us. When we meet the needs of others, especially the most vulnerable among us, you make sure there is enough for everyone. Guide us back into your way, your truth, and your life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace *(based on Exodus 20)*

Dick Reinke

God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth generation those who walk in God's ways. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people.

God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life. Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

*Passing of the Peace

Dick Reinke

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 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (vss 1 & 4) 543
After the hymn, children 3, 4, & 5 year olds may leave for Children's Church

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

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "I Will Bless the Lord"

by Victor Johnson

***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**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to give, which we do with joyful, grateful hearts. We look at the needs of the world, and our offerings are small. May they be like yeast, gifts that grow in your kingdom, bringing a rich harvest of righteousness. We pray this in Jesus' name, 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. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to you.

The juice is non-alcoholic. Gluten free is available as well.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving & 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer following Communion

We thank you, eternal God, that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ and with all the faithful who have come before us who have served you with courage and with joy. Renewed for our daily living in this world, may we remember that we belong to you and that you lead us into newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

***Closing Hymn**

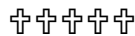
“O God, Who Give Us Life”

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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: **Dick Reinke** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

Piano/Organ: **Nancy Jensen** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin, Chris Diller & Ruth Dukelow**

Chancel flowers are given today by **Rick & Jeanne Wahtera,**

in *memory* of **Rick's parents,** and also by

Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten & Noel Eggebraaten, in *remembrance* of

Noel's parents, Lavonne & Donovan Eggebraaten,

and his brother, Deon Eggebraaten.



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HINT #5: Countdown to April 14 Opportunity Fair *(a Mission Committee event)*

How many meal bags do Oak Grove **EVERY MEAL** volunteers deliver each Friday to the Bloomington-area schools? If you said, **100, YOU MAY BE ON MARY CRAMPTON'S TEAM!**

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church wins award from Interfaith Power and Light

We are excited to announce that Oak Grove Presbyterian Church won the Electric Vehicle Award for our annual EV Expo. ***Please join us to celebrate with cake in the social hall after Sunday worship today!***

Bev Carroll Memorial Service: Friday, March 8 (11:00 am)

Join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Bev Carroll. We will gather together at Oak Grove to remember our wonderful friend who will be greatly missed. Visitation begins at 10:00 am.

The service will also be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook for those unable to attend in person. Following the service, you are invited to join the family and friends in Gideon Pond Hall for a luncheon and continuing conversation around the table.

<https://bit.ly/ogpc-bev-carroll>

REMINDER: DST is coming!

Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00 am on **Sunday, March 10**, so be sure to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to sleep Saturday night.



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Roger Ebeling** who joined the church triumphant on Feb. 25, 2024. "In Life and Death we belong to God."

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- Mar. 5 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Mar. 5 | Evening Star Circle (3–5:00 pm)
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0684)
- Mar. 6 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45 pm)
Chicken & Mashed Potatoes
(\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)
- Mar. 7 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
- Mar. 7 | Mission (6–8:00 pm)
Contact Greg Johnson (612-590-7461)
- Mar. 7 | Deacons (7–8:30 pm)
Contact Jen Pol (952-881-0273)
- Mar. 9 | Creative Hands Crafting (9a–Noon)
Ruth Dukelow (952-923-0799)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

Save the Dates!

Palm Sunday, March 24:

9:00 am Brunch: Come and enjoy good food and fellowship! A goodwill offering will be received. Hosted by the Deacons.

10:30 am Worship: The choir and an instrumental ensemble will lead worship.

Maundy Thursday, March 28:

7:00 pm Worship: A Tenebrae service of scripture, prayer, and communion.

Good Friday: March 29:

12–3:00 pm: A series of six prayer stations will be set up in the fellowship hall that invite you to walk “the way of sorrows” to the cross, through the eyes and experiences of one of Jesus’ closest disciples.

Easter Honorarium/Memorials

On Sunday, March 3, 10 and 17, we'll be available for you to sign up to donate in honor, in memory, or in celebration of a special event as we decorate the chancel for Easter, March 31 and the following Sunday, April 7. Your donations (cash or check) will be used to purchase potted flowering plants and any remaining amount will be given to VEAP. Flowers will then be donated to homebound members and/or people on the prayer list. Questions? Contact Sharon Fields (952-831-0504).

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.