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# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

9:30 am

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

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\*You are welcome to stand as you are able. **Congregational parts in bold.**

## CENTERING MUSIC

Please ponder this quote in your meditations as you prepare and center yourself for worship:

*How does the church help me grow in my faith?*

*What are the personal gifts I bring to a ministry of welcoming?*

From: United Methodist Communications

## WELCOME

Liturgist: Nancy B

*(Please take a moment to register your presence on the Fellowship Pad. You are asked to list each individual attending with you separately and all contact information. If you are visiting us this morning, WELCOME! We encourage you to let us know by raising your hand, when invited by the liturgist at the beginning of the service. We will bring you a visitor gift bag. In that bag, you will find a heart pin representing God's LOVE and information about the life and ministries of Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church. Please come again soon! Everyone is welcome to check out our Events Pillar in the room just outside this sanctuary. Prayer cards are in the chair racks in the Sanctuary. If you have a specific prayer, joy or concern, you are invited to write it out and place the cards in the offering plate later in the service.)*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather to honor our covenant with God.

We gather to worship the God who has covenanted with us.

**P: Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.**

**Our wisdom comes from the One who meets us here.**

L: Open your eyes to meet God face to face.

Open your ears to hear God's instruction.

**P: God take us by the hand to lead us.**

**The word of God is written on our hearts.**

L: Come to taste God's word, which is sweeter than honey.

Come to touch the reality of God's presence.

**P: Surely God will welcome us and protect us.**

**We will walk with new understanding of truth.**

## \*OPENING SONG

*Gather Us In*

*Black Hymnal pg. 2236*

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**Sow your seed in our midst, O God, for we are prepared to receive what you offer. We want to know you and to bear fruit for your reign among us. We want to meditate on your law and keep your commandments. Draw us into the new covenant you have fashioned for us in Jesus Christ so that we may fulfill our ministry. Amen.**

## A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE

L: And Jesus Said . . .

**All: Let the Children come!**

## HOSPITALITY TEACHING MOMENTS

*Friendliness Skit*

Author – Unknown

Drama Disciple Characters: Teacher – Bonnie C  
Students – Jane E, Jenny von H, and Rev. Christal B (retired)

*Conversation About Reaching Younger People*

Dan J

## SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 48

*Red Hymnal pg. 782*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Etude*

Jeanne R-C - Clarinet  
& Shelly S – Piano

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

27/28

Luke 19:11-27

77/82

L: A word for God's people

*New Testament/Pew Bible*

**P: Thanks be to God**

## MESSAGE

*The Secret Source of Joy*

Pastor Wendee Nitz

## SONG OF PRAYER

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

*Red Hymnal pg. 348*

## SILENT PRAYER and PRAYERS FOR ONE VOICE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins\*, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*(\*may also say trespasses or debts)*

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

\*SONG OF PRAISE (sung)

*Red Hymnal pg. 94*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*WE SAY THANK YOU TOGETHER

**With thanksgiving for your presence in all our coming and going, through all our work and leisure, in our times of faithfulness and when we break covenant, we bring our offerings. May these resources help your people to know you more fully and serve you more effectively. Equip us for every good work, that your church may witness boldly and influence profoundly. Amen.**

\*CLOSING SONG

*Christ for the World We Sing*

*Red Hymnal pg. 568*

\*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

\*CLOSING MUSIC

Resources:

*Gathered By Love*, by Lavon Bayler

*Welcoming Ministry: Training Manual and Planning Handbook*, United Methodist Communications

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**No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.**

**Mission Statement:** Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church is a Christian fellowship whose mission is to: worship God, love and serve all people, grow in faith and invite others to become disciples of Jesus Christ.