
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

9:30 am

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

*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:
Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me. From Luke 9:48 (NRSV)

WELCOME

Liturgist: Carol S

(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: This is God's house, a holy temple.

We are in the midst of God's dwelling place.

P: My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of God.

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L: Happy are those whom God has chosen to be here.

Blessed are all whom God has forgiven and named.

P: Our voices rise in praise of God's awesome deeds.

Mountains and seas bow down before the Creator.

L: God crowns the year with a bountiful harvest.

Flocks and grain fill the meadows.

P: God's presence is felt to the ends of the earth.

All creation is God's dwelling place, God's home.

*OPENING SONG

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

Red Hymnal pg. 67

*OPENING PRAYER

To you, O God, shall our vows be performed. To you we sing our praises and utter our prayers. Come among us to renew your covenant and offer your signs. Pour out your Spirit on your people gathered here, that we may dream and prophesy and follow the vision you set before us. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE

L: And Jesus Said . . .

All: Let the Children come!

HOSPITALITY TEACHING MOMENT

SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 24

Red Hymnal pg. 755

ANTHEM

Blest Are They

Altar Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

76/81

L: A word for God's people

New Testament/Pew Bible

P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

The Prayer God Won't Answer

Pastor Wendee Nitz

SONG OF PRAYER

The Summons

Black Hymnal pg. 2130

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

Let Your Light Shine

Altar Choir

*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

You have dealt wondrously with us, gracious God. We have gathered in your temple to praise you and to join in efforts to share faith with one another and with the world. Through our offerings, we wish to extend the witness made here into our neighborhoods, and in ever-widening circles, to the ends of the earth. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

My Hope is Built

Red Hymnal pg. 368

*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

*CLOSING MUSIC

Resources:

Gathered By Love, 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.