
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8:00 am and 10:45 am

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME Liturgists: 8:00 am- Lynn W/10:45 am- Confirmation Students

- 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** 10:45 am-Heidi vH

L: Come, walk with God in these moments of worship.
Celebrate God's covenant with us and all humankind.

**P: Surely God is in this place today.
We find refuge and strength as we gather.**

L: Be still and know that God is God.
All our names for God are limited metaphors.

**P: All people on earth are God's concern.
Those who do the will of God will experience God's realm.**

L: The Most High lives in us and among us.
The whole universe is God's dwelling place.

**P: We have come to hear what God would have us do.
We seek the courage to do what God intends. Amen.**

***OPENING SONG** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *Red Hymnal pg. 400*

***OPENING PRAYER** 10:45 am-Trinity S

Teach us your word in this hour, faithful God, for we want to communicate your truth to our children and their children. We want to follow your commandments; to love you with all our hearts. We intend to walk in the ways you set before us. Preserve us, we pray, and grant us courage to face each day's challenges. Help us to live by faith and to serve with abiding trust. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

L: And Jesus Said . . .

All: Let the Children come!

RECOGNITION OF OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS AND MUSICIANS *(see insert)*

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION 10:45 am *(see insert)*

Zach K, Sam S, Trinity S and Heidi vH

SONG FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 148:1-14 *Red Hymnal pg. 861-862*

ANTHEM 8:00 am *Amazing Grace* Altar Choir
10:45 am *Amazing Grace* Youth Choir
God is So Good Sierra P, Accompanist

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-18 *Pew Bible pg. 91
New Testament*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:16-20 *Pew Bible pg. 34
New Testament*
L: A word for God's people
P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Baptism: Being a Child of God is a Gift of Change*
Pastor Wendee Nitz

SONG OF PRAYER 8:00 am *Hear My Prayer* Altar Choir
10:45 am *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* *Red Hymnal pg. 611*

SILENT PRAYER and PRAYERS FOR ONE VOICE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:45 am-Sam S

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

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

10:45 am-Zach K

Christ sacrificed all personal gain for the sake of others; we venture little sacrifices to support the ministries of the church. O God, we have experienced your blessing when we give, so our most generous efforts do not seem a sacrifice. We give that your will might be done, and when it is, we all benefit. Multiply, we pray, the power of these gifts to do the good you intend. Accept our effort to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

Go Make of All Disciples

Red Hymnal pg. 571

*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

CLOSING SONG 8:00 am

Thank You For Coming

Altar Choir

*CLOSING MUSIC

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

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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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Zach K, Sam S, Trinity S, and Heidi vH
(will these persons please stand in their place)

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you affirm or renew the vows of baptism,
to accept the abundant love of God who created you,
to receive the grace of God in Christ in your heart,
to breathe in the renewing energy of God the Spirit,
and to continue to grow in faith each day of your life?
I do.

Do you promise to live as fully in faith as you are able,
to follow the way of grace and love that Jesus taught,
to share the love of God with the stranger and the needy,
to work for justice and peace in our community and world?
I do.

Will you follow in Christ's example
as a member of the body of Christ - the Christian Church -
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?
I will.

Do you, as Christ's body, as members of this congregation
reaffirm the vows made at your baptism,
and promise to live faithfully as followers of Christ?
All: We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

(All:) **With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them,
that they may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith:

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept our selves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to God our Creator, and to Christ our Redeemer,
and to the Holy Spirit our Sustainer.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS – *(Immediate family and the confirmation student's teachers are welcome to come forward and surround their child and other family and friends are invited to stand in place and witness to the grace of God as each confirmand kneels to confirm his/her faith.)*

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zach K, Sam S, Trinity S, and Heidi vH

(will these persons please step forward onto the chancel)

As a member of Christ's universal Church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?
I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

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As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your
witness?
I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus the Christ.**



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Celebration of Confirmation

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Today, we celebrate the rites of confirmation and reaffirmation of faith.

Through confirmation and reaffirmation of our faith,
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
acknowledge what God is doing for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

I present for confirmation and ask each student to stand in his/her place:
Zach K, Sam S, Trinity S, and Heidi vH

Each confirmand will read their Statement of Faith and share their banners with us at this time.

Confirmation Student's Statements of Faith

Zach K

I believe that God is our creator. He is greater than a human-being. God watches over us. He is someone we worship and pray to. I believe that Jesus protects us. He is the son of God and forgives us of our sins. I believe that he is a physical form that shows God. He is also a teacher and a healer. I believe that the Holy Spirit guides us like a light shining on a path. I believe that the church is here to help us learn about God and worship together as a community. I believe that it is a place of celebration. I believe that my role in the church is to continue learning about God as well as worshipping him.

Sam S

I believe that God is the creator of all, and the father of our Lord. He is the receiver of our worships and prayers. He cares and loves with all of us with all of his being. I believe Jesus is the son of God. He is a protector and a guider, and forgives us of our sins. He is a reflection of God's love and compassion. Jesus was a rabbi (teacher) and taught his disciples and is teaching God's children today. I believe the Holy Spirit is a guider and guides us through our faithful journey. The Holy Spirit is your energy in faith. I believe the Church is a place where you worship God. The Church is a community of faith and a way to share your faith. It is a place where you are respected and loved. I believe my role in the church is to be a learner. I pray and worship to God and give off the love of God he gave me to other people.

Trinity S

I believe that God is our creator who endlessly loves and cares for us. God forgives our sins. He watches over us without judging. Jesus is the son of God. Jesus protect us the same as God. Jesus is there for us and forgives our sins. Jesus is a teacher and a leader. He died on the cross to save us from our sins. The Holy Spirit guides us through life and strengthens our faith. The church is a place to learn about God. It also lets us express how we feel about him. My role in the church is to express how I feel and to attend worship and continue to work on my relationship with God.

Heidi vH

God, to me, is a greater being who watches over and guides us and listens when we pray. Jesus shows God in a physical form who introduced the world to miracles and died for our sins. The Holy Spirit is faith that stays with us each day that connects us to God. The church is a place to practice faith in a community. My role in the church is to keep showing up and learning about God so that I can grow in my faith.

RECOGNITION OF OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS AND MUSICIANS

L: Dear Friends, let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to become workers in the church school and in the music ministry programs. To step out and share their gifts and talents to help others encounter the Good News of Jesus Christ takes passion, care, and courage.

L: Let us pray. Holy One, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice, and love. Provide for us your guidance, that we may always be teachers and learners and musicians and singers, together. Believing that you are in our midst, we set apart those who have served you in nurturing the spiritual growth of all who are entrusted in their care. Bless each one gathered before us, enabling them to be channels of your grace. We pray through Jesus Christ our Savior.

P: You have been in our prayers this school year and we hope that you felt our blessings. Amen.

L: You have recognized God's call in your lives. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our faith-family. You have been "good and faithful servants." We thank you for your commitments of time, energy, and talents.

Christian Educators and Church Musicians and Choir: We have heard God's call to teach and share music with our congregation. We offer these ministries trusting in God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task. We thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and rely on that grace. We have been blessed by offering what God has called us to give.

P: We pledge ourselves to continue to pray for you and for the Christian educational and musical ministries of this congregation. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry. We pledge ourselves to share our gifts and talents along side you. Amen!