
OAK CREEK COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:00am and 10:45am 6th Sunday of Eastertide May 21, 2017

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

PRELUDE

TIME OF CENTERING

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

Forgiving God, sometimes it is hard to believe that we can be free from all that burdens us.

Yet, you have promised us that we can have true freedom in you.

We claim that freedom as we prepare our hearts to hear your word.

Help us to be drawn into your presence by your grace. Amen.

WELCOME

LITURGIST 8:00am Patty A 10:45am Christal B

(Please take a moment to register your presence on the Fellowship Pad and include each person attending with you and all contact information. If you are visiting us this morning, welcome! We encourage you to pick up a visitor bag on the welcome banner by the front door. Prayer cards are in the chair racks. Place the cards in the offering plate later in the service.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The steadfast love of God surrounds us;
Be glad and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**P: We celebrate the good things of life that God provides.
We give thanks for God's steadfast love.**

L: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.
Come to listen for God's counsel and instruction.

**P: We are here to encounter the one who made us.
We are open to the word God will speak.**

L: God hears our cries and answers our pleas.
Rejoice, O righteous, in God's justice and grace.

**P: Surely God is our strength and our hope.
We will trust in the one who provides all things.**

*OPENING SONG

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

UMH 67

The United Methodist Hymnal – Red hymnal (UMH)

***OPENING PRAYER Gracious God, who has provided for us a bountiful inheritance, help us in this time of worship to be fully aware of your rule in all of life and to be fully responsive to your word. Listen to our cries, O God, and hear our voices as we plead our case to you. Be for us a hiding place in our times of distress. Lead us and make your way straight before us. Increase our faith through this time of joyous praise. Amen.**

ANTHEM 8:00

Amazing Grace

Altar Choir

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

(see inside the faith connections)

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW SPIRITUAL FORMATION TEAM

Team Chairperson: Lynn W – Lay Servant and Lay Member to Annual Conference

Communication Coordinator: Jill W

Sunday Teaching and Activities Leader: Wendy B

Age-related Experiential Ministries Leader: Patty A

Discipleship Formation: Ken M, lay servant, and Jenny V

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45

L: And Jesus said . . .

All: Let the children come!

SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 66:8-20

UMH 790-791

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:36-50

page 62/66

L: A Word for God's people.

New Testament/Pew Bible

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Paid in Full

Pastor Wendee

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

UMH 887

SONG OF PRAYER

Amazing Grace

UMH 358

The United Methodist Hymnal – Red hymnal (UMH)

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.

A-PORION-MEANT-FOR-OTHERS

New life in Christ

Janet P

SHARING OUR GIFTS 8:00

Bow the Knee

Altar Choir

*SONG OF PRAISE (sung)

UMH 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 We give thanks, generous God, because we owe you more than we can ever repay. We give because we love you and want to show our devotion. We give because there are needs to be met among us and in other places where we cannot go. We give because we need to be generous in order to be whole. Loving God, bless all givers who provide for others out of their means, and multiply these resources in your service. Amen.**

*CLOSING SONG

We Are Called

FWS 2172

The Faith We Sing - black hymnal (FWS)

*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

POSTLUDE

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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.

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



Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

May 21, 2016

Recognition of Our 2016-17 Church Volunteers

L: Dear friends, let us recognize those who responded to the call of God to become workers in our church school, teachers of our Bible classes, directors of our music ministries, and participants and volunteers who help these activities be successful again this year. Christian education and music are ministries of Christ among us. This past school year, Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church has been blessed by many who shared their gifts. God's call to build a new kin-dom of love welcomes us to follow in Jesus' footsteps here on earth. These ministries help us do just that.

L: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice, and love. You provide for us your guidance, that we may be cheerful volunteers. Believing that you are in our midst, we thank those who serve you in our congregation. Bless each one gathered before us; enable them to continue to be channels of your grace.

P: Amen! We have been praying for you and with you this past year. We appreciate your gifts for bringing God's word, music, and service into our world and especially here in our faith-family. Your witness of God's love is precious and wonderful, and today we celebrate your gifts. May you have a blessed summer. May you encounter God's Spirit at all times and in all places. And may you find rest and be rejuvenated in the months ahead. We look forward to sharing the good news with you in the future. Thank you for your service. Peace!

Our Staff:

NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Beverly & Ann
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	Kara P
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Shelly S
BELL CHOIR	Shelly S
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST	Connie J
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIR	
ORGANIST	Todd A
ADMIN. ASSIST.	Debbie R
CUSTODIAN	Amy P
PASTOR	Rev. Wendee

Assisting In Worship:

LITURGIST	8:00	Patty A
	10:45	Christal B
USHERS	8:00	
	10:45	Joanne M
GREETERS	8:00	Bonnie R
	10:45	Keith & Cherie S
COUNTERS		Jan K
		Edith G
UNLOCKING		Paula S

Calendar

Sunday – May 21

8:00am	Worship/coffee hour
9:00am	Cares & Concerns
9:30am	Last day of Sunday School
10:45am	Worship/coffee hour
12:00pm	Recognition luncheon for volunteers

Monday – May 22

9:00am	Preschool graduation
7:00 p.m.	AA

Tuesday – May 23

9:00am	Preschool graduation
6:30pm	Finance

Wednesday – May 24

1:00pm	DBS
6:30pm	DBS
7:30pm	NO Choir

Sunday – May 28

9:30am	Worship service/coffee hour
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TODAY is our final Sunday School session for this season. We are recognizing all volunteers for a year of faithful service. This will be followed by a recognition lunch and, for those in our

Education programs, some wrap-up conversation about this year's program. If you have been a volunteer this year, *please join us for the 10:45 service and for lunch.*

Next week!

Summer schedule!



Worship time changes to **9:30am** on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 28

Directories are waiting in the Friendship Room for anyone who had their photo taken here last fall.

To my church family and Pastor Wendee,

I want to express my deepest appreciation for the prayers, visits, and get well cards from everyone while I was in the hospital.

I didn't know what happened, that's how fast this hit. I found out it took about one week in ICU to know who I was and where I was.

To my kids in Pre-K class and the other teachers, Nancy, Jill, and Judy, a special thank-you for the huge Get-Well poster. This meant a lot. I miss you all.

Thanks again!

God bless.

Judi I

