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# OAK CREEK COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:00am and 10:45am      19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      October 15, 2017

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

## PRELUDE

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

*To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything (God) has given us – and (God) has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of (God’s) Love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from (God).* By, Thomas Merton

INTROIT 8:00

*Make a Joyful Noise*

Altar Choir

## WELCOME

LITURGIST 8:00 Michelle P 10:45 Jillian I

*(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 above the visitor sign-in book. Prayer cards are in the chair racks in the Sanctuary. Place the cards in the offering plate later in the service.)*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Wherever we go we are in the presence of God; we come together to celebrate what is always true.

P: **God has searched us and known us; God discerns our thoughts from afar.**

## \*OPENING SONG

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

*UMH 451*

*The United Methodist Hymnal – Red hymnal (UMH)*

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, who grants to us glimpses of eternity in the midst of time, teach us to love you with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. May your gospel bear fruit among us, as we grow in your truth, enabled by your Spirit. Equip us with the power to focus on your will and your way, laying your hand on us in blessing, encouragement, and support. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION AWARDS 10:45

Bonnie C

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45

L: And Jesus said . . .

**All: Let the children come!**

ANTHEM 8:00  
10:45

*Lean On Me*  
*What A Friend We Have In Jesus / Doxology*

Altar Choir  
Children’s Choir

SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 117

*UMH 838*

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

page 191/203  
*New Testament/Pew Bible*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34

page 46/49  
*New Testament/Pew Bible*

L: A Word for God’s people.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*What’s My Fair Share*

Pastor Wendee Nitz

TESTIMONY

Jane E

*In Focus: Giving my fair share and why it is an important part of my faith journey.*

SONG OF PRAYER

*“Trust and Obey”*

*UMH 467*

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

SHARING OUR GIFTS

We who have been entrusted with the message of the gospel have the means to make it known to the world. Our tithes and offerings are dedicated to that purpose. As we present them, we also submit ourselves to God’s purposes and directions.

\*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**

**As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they may reveal your love in such a way that many will respond. Awaken in us a love for you and for one another that is contagious. Remove from us all apathy, pretension, and greed that we may grow in holiness and compassion, living joyously in communion with you. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

*“Amazing Grace”*

*UMH 378*

*The United Methodist Hymnal – Red hymnal (UMH)*

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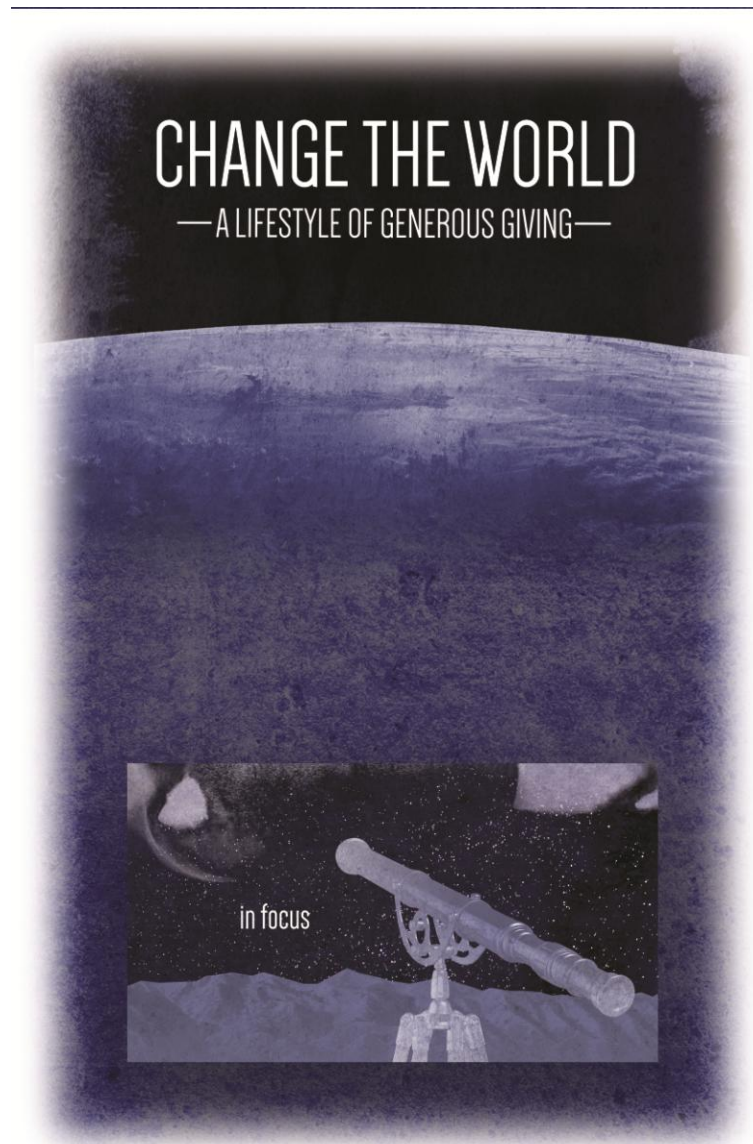
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***No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.***



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