
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8:00 am and 10:45 am

The fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

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

CENTERING MUSIC

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

The earth provides enough for every (person's) need but not for every (person's) greed.

By, Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

WELCOME

Liturgists: 8:00 am- Debbie S/10:45 am- Carol S

(Please take a moment to register your presence on the Fellowship Pad. Please list each individual attending with you separately 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. Please place the cards in the offering plate later in the service.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Gather together to hear stories of faith and courage.

Listen for the ways God has acted among us.

P: Our ancestors in the faith listened for God's word.

They dared to believe god's promises.

L: Leaders like Moses and Paul saw evidence of God's work.

They believed they were face-to-face with God's truth.

P: The looked beyond the present moment.

They lived for dreams not yet realized.

L: Many felt God's love in knowing Jesus.

They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

P: We have come seeking community centered in Christ.

We want to feel God's presence as we worship.

*OPENING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Red Hymnal pg. 140

*OPENING PRAYER

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the earth was formed, long before there were people on this planet, you were fashioning life in its myriad forms. Out of the billions of years you have been creating, our lives have come to this moment of meeting. We stand in awe before you, amazed to discover that you care about us, tiny blips on the screen of eternity. O God, we want our lives to count for something. Show us how to fit into your plans. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

L: And Jesus Said . . .

All: Let the Children come!

MISSION MOMENT

Our Harmony Club

Dawn V & Nancy B

SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 107: 1-9, 33-43

Red Hymnal pg. 830 - 831

ANTHEM 10:45 am

I'll Carry the Cross

Altar Choir

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21

151/162

New Testament/Pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:37-42

60/65

New Testament/Pew Bible

L: A word for God's people

P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Outrageous Generosity

Pastor Wendee Nitz

SONG OF PRAYER

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Black Hymnal pg. 2128

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

Come ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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

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.

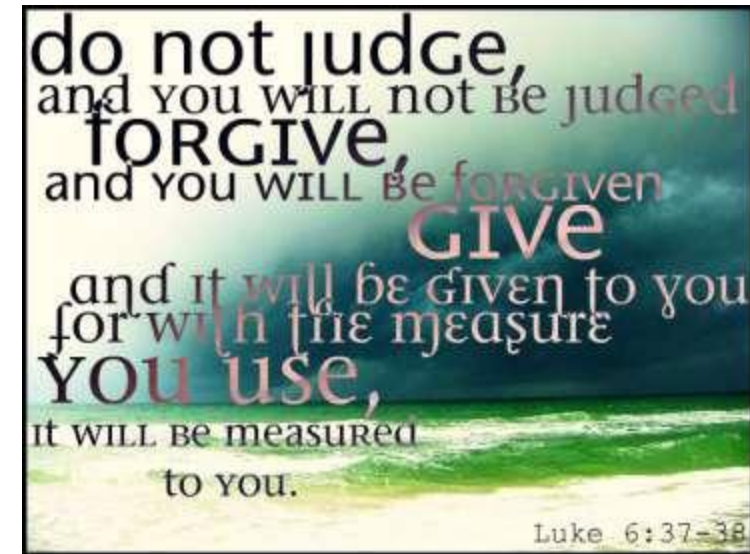
*CLOSING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

Red Hymnal pg. 577

*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

*CLOSING MUSIC



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.

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