
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

9:30 am

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 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:

*Many of us know that we should offer hospitality, but we wonder whether we can. Hospitality is made up of hard work undertaken under risky conditions, and without structures and commitments for welcoming strangers, fear crowds out what needs to be done. Hospitable places where guest can disclose the gifts they bear come into being only when people take up this practice and grow wise, by experience, in doing it well. In the face of overwhelming human need for shelter and care, and in the face of our own fear of strangers, we need to develop ways of supporting one another in the practice of hospitality. From: *Practicing Our Faith: A way of Life for a Searching People*, by Dorothy C. Bass*

WELCOME

Liturgist: Nancy B

(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.)

INTROIT

Amazing Grace

Altar Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We worship you today in community, to offer praise and thanks to you.

P: You are our beloved creator. Everything we have is because of your grace.

L: We worship you today to find peace and courage in your presence.

P: You are always near to comfort and guide us.

L: We worship you today in community to become reconciled in you.

P: We are all your children; we trust you and believe in your love.

L: We worship you today in community to declare our commitment to doing your work.

P: You are our beloved creator. We choose you.

*OPENING SONG

Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring

Red Hymnal pg. 644

*OPENING PRAYER

Beloved God. We thank you for this time together to praise you, to learn about hospitality, and to reflect on our thoughts, words and actions. You inspire us to reach out to others in need with a response that offers love and care, a response that builds trust. Be present with us as we consider how we are bound to one another because of your love. Help us to share your love with grace. We owe everything to you. Help us to become loving, giving, transformed people. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE

Dr. Patty A

L: And Jesus Said . . .

All: Let the Children come!

HOSPITALITY TEACHING MOMENT

Dr. Patty A

SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 130

Red Hymnal pg. 848

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Word (By The Beatles)

Special Group

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:28-32

22/23

L: A word for God's people

New Testament/Pew Bible

P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Choosing God

Dr. Patty A

SONG OF PRAYER

God of Grace and God of Glory

Red Hymnal pg. 577

SILENT PRAYER and PRAYERS FOR ONE VOICE

Nancy B

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

This week, please pull our thoughts from our own challenges, and help us to be mindful of the suffering of others. Give us courage to provide comfort, support and hope to those who are sick, poor, lonely and lost. Give us strength to rise from our own sense of being wounded so that we may add light and love to a weary, wounded world. Help us to represent you, demonstrating your grace and mercy, in all we do. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

Here I am, Lord

Red Hymnal pg. 593

*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

Dr. Patty A

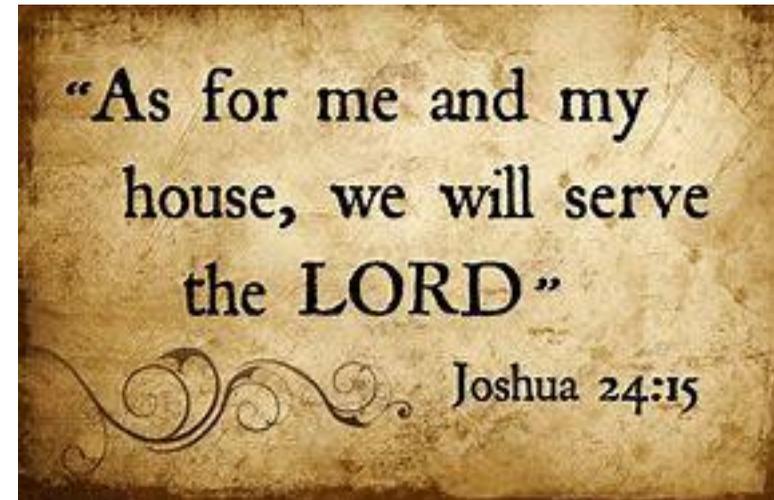
*CLOSING MUSIC

Resources:

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.