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## Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8:00 am and 10:45 am

The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

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\*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:

#### **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.

### WELCOME

Liturgists: 8:00 am- Michelle P. / 10:45 am- Jenny v H

*(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

L: Welcome this new day as the time of God's presence.  
Our Creator offers us a new heaven and a new earth.

**P: This is the season for rebirth of our best.  
God has gifted us with new opportunities.**

L: God is making all things new.  
Mourning, crying, and pain cannot prevail.

**P: We are invited to find enjoyment in living.  
We are meant to discover pleasure in our toil.**

L: God is mindful of our needs and our strengths.  
We receive resources for the tasks God gives us.

**P: We have come to thank and praise God.  
How majestic is God's name in all the earth!**

### \*OPENING SONG

*We Gather Together*

*Red Hymnal pg. 131*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**In-dwelling God, we greet you in this new day. As the weeks pass by, your presence is ever new when we open our senses to receive you. We ask now that you sharpen our awareness of your creative energy at work within and around us. Let us welcome you in the stranger who is not yet a friend, in the hungry who need the food and care we might provide, in the nurse who fulfills our thirst for water and kindness. Show us your expectations for us in this season. Amen.**

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

Jessie G, Student Intern

L: And Jesus Said . . .

**All: Let the Children come!**

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Students: Austin Haynes & Ashley Schrader

Teachers: Laura Martin, Wendy Brinza, & Paula Schultz

SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 19

*Red Hymnal pg. 750-751*

ANTHEM 8:00 am

Altar Choir

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:8

816/866  
*Old Testament/Pew Bible*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:35-36

27/29

L: A word for God's people

*New Testament/Pew Bible*

**P: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

*Teach us, Jesus, How to Love and Serve All People*

Pastor Wendee Nitz

SONG OF PRAYER

*The Summons*

*Black Hymnal pg. 2130*

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

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

Jessie G, Student Intern

**May our hands extend a blessing to friends and strangers who hunger, or thirst, or shiver in the cold. May our presence comfort and inspire persons who are sick or in prison. May our witness to your gift of newness help to make it real to those who can only look backward. Help us all to face the future, trusting you, as we join you in wiping away tears and caring for the least and the lost. Amen.**

\*CLOSING SONG

*We Gather to Serve*

*Black Hymnal pg. 2175*

\*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

\*CLOSING MUSIC

Resources: *Taught By Love*, Lavon Bayler

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