
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8:00 am and 10:45 am

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 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:

In Christian stewardship, giving is not centered on the budget or what is needed for it to balance. Nor is our giving centered on the need of the day. That is simply fund raising. Rather, our giving is based on the cross of Christ and the abundance of God's grace. God's grace envelops all of who we are in Christ. The most precious gift we can receive for our lives is God's life giving and life changing grace in Christ. By, Rev. Kurt Nordby

WELCOME

Liturgists: 8:00 am- Jillian I /10:45 am- Robert L

- 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: Arise, people of faith, that Christ may give us life.

This is the day of meeting in Christ's name.

P: We reach out for health and wholeness.

We embrace one another with concern and care.

L: God is attentive to us and hears our cries.

God challenges us to eager engagement in life.

P: Like those who watch eagerly for the morning,

We wait in joyous anticipation of God's word.

L: The word of life is ours to receive.

The good news is available to be shared.

P: We will sing praises to God's holy name.

We will tell of God's faithfulness day by day.

*OPENING SONG

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Red Hymnal pg. 133

*OPENING PRAYER

Jessie G, Student Intern 8:00 & 10:45

We gather to thank you, gracious God, for those times when we have been lifted up by you and known your healing touch. You have clothed us with joy and filled us with hope. We are grateful that even in our days of deepest gloom and despair, you have surrounded us with a love stronger than all our pain and doubts and grievous losses. Come to us now that, together and individually, we may sense larger realities than the narrow focus of our daily concerns. We await your word. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

Jessie G, Student Intern

L: And Jesus Said . . .

All: Let the Children come!

WORLD COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of love and mercy, we come before you with grateful hearts for sustaining us in critical times of our life. Terrorism, war, hatred and lack of trust surround us, but through the bread and the cup, we learn to love and trust others. Help us that we may not be defeated in our task to proclaim God's word around the globe. Most of all, give us courage and strength to live our faith, even in the most difficult circumstances. Give us the power of the Holy Spirit that we may be faithful and steadfast in loving others as you loved us through death on the cross. As we come to your table, make us one with each other in love, patience and understanding. Amen.

SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 19

Red Hymnal pg. 750-751

ANTHEM 8:00 am

Altar Choir

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-31

43/46

L: A word for God's people

New Testament/Pew Bible

P: Thanks be to God

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

172/182

New Testament/Pew Bible

MESSAGE

Giving in Grace: We Give of Ourselves

Pastor Wendee Nitz

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Allan L

SONG OF PRAYER

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Red Hymnal pg. 349

SILENT PRAYER and PRAYERS FOR ONE VOICE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (see insert)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

- All who love the Lord and desire to be in relationship with their neighbors are welcome at the Lord's table.
- If you brought an offering/tithe to share with God through the ministries of this congregation, please bring it forward as you come up to the front of church to receive communion.
- Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle.
- Communion is by intinction - dipping the bread into the cup. Please return to your pew to be in prayer.

COMMUNION SONG

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

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We pray that you will find our gifts acceptable, God. If we have not given according to what we have, we seek the courage to do so. May these gifts relieve suffering and reveal hope. May they give meaning to all who give and all who receive. We dedicate them, that those who have much may not have too much, and those who have little may not have too little. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

The Gift of Love

Red Hymnal pg. 408

*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

*CLOSING MUSIC

First, We Give Of Ourselves: A Stewardship Program Exploring Grace-Full Living and Gate-Full Giving, by Rev. Kurt Nordby, Produced by the James Company;

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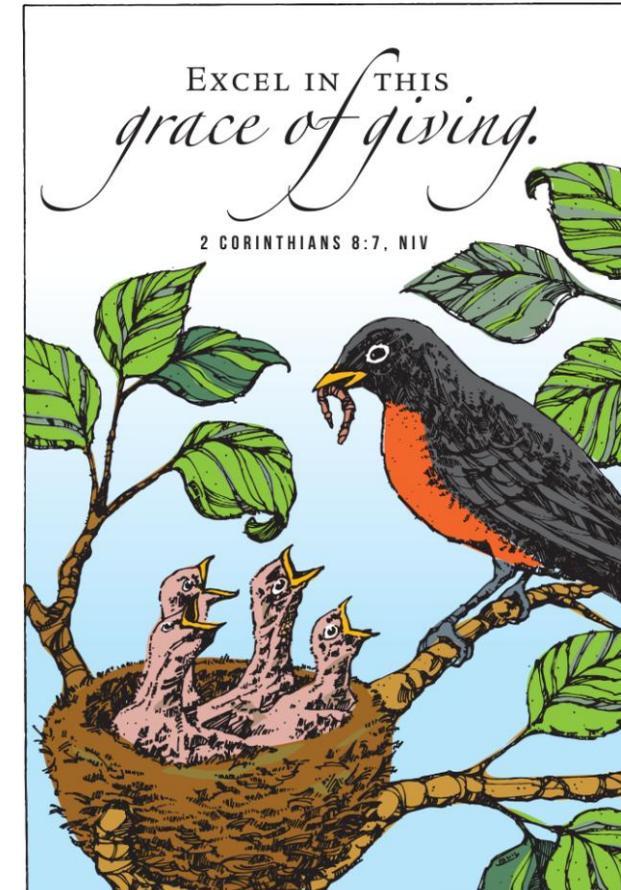
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No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.

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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.