
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8:00 am and 10:45 am

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 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:

Our giving is a thankful response to the joyful abundance of God's rich grace in Christ.

Certainly, there are other reasons why we might share gifts, but the foundational reason for our giving is God's grace in Christ. Our stewardship is first and foremost in response to God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

By, Rev. Kurt Nordby

WELCOME

Liturgists: 8:00 am- Lynn W /10:45 am- Shelly S

- 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

Jessie G, Student Intern 8:00 am

L: We dwell in a land God has loaned to us.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

P: We come with gladness to worship God.

We enter God's presence with joyous song.

L: The first fruits of our labor belong to God.

Rejoice in the privilege of sharing God's bounty.

P: God has made us, and we belong to God.

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

L: The God of peace greets us in this time of worship.

Enter with thanksgiving and heartfelt praise.

P: We thank God for steadfast love to sustain us.

We praise God for faithfulness to all generations.

*OPENING SONG

God is Here

Red Hymnal pg. 660

*OPENING PRAYER

Jessie G, Student Intern 8:00 am and 10:45 am

Our baskets are full, gracious God, with the bounty you have provided. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving and praise. We are eager to meet you here, to learn from you, to be changed by you, to become more fully the people you intend for us to be. Show us how to do the work you have planned for us. Equip us as your faithful stewards. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

Jessie G, Student Intern

L: And Jesus Said . . .

All: Let the Children come!

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 98

Red Hymnal pg. 818-819

ANTHEM 8:00 am

Be Still My Soul

Bell Choir

10:45 am

Let There Be Light

Altar Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

67/71

L: A word for God's people

New Testament/Pew Bible

P: Thanks be to God

DRAMA DISCIPLES 10:45 am

Giving and Receiving

By, Tanis Harms

Characters/Cast: Judge – Christal B

Wise Man – Chris S/Jerry B

Lawyer One – Bonnie C

Woman – Kelly D/Jenny vH

Lawyer Two – Jerry B/

Person – Jane E

Eric vH

Paul – Doug C

MESSAGE

Giving in Grace: Giving in Grace

Pastor Wendee Nitz

SONG OF PRAYER

Be Thou My Vision

Red Hymnal pg. 451

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 8:00 am

I Surrender All

Bell Choir

10:45 am

Lay Down Your Troubles

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 8:00 am and 10:45 am

We rejoice in the opportunity to thank you, gracious God, with a portion of the bounty you proved for our use. We reach out for meaning and purpose in our unsatisfying lives. As we share materially in the work of your church, we are on a spiritual quest to discern your will for us and our world. Thank you for pointing us beyond food that perishes to feed on the bread of life. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

Red Hymnal pg. 577

*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;
Gathered By Love, by Lavon Bayler
Giving Versus Getting, drama by Tanis Harms, from www.church-skits.com

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the Lord your God
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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.