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## Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8:00 am and 10:45 am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

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

### CENTERING MUSIC

*(As you feel led, please sing along.)*

### WELCOME

Liturgists: 8:00 am- Jessie G /10:45 am- Jillian I

- 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, Pastoral Intern

L: God has called us together for this time of worship.  
God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

**P: God inclines an ear to us and hears us.**

**God knows us better than we know ourselves.**

L: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.  
Let us set our faith and hope in God.

**P: In one another's presence, we renew our vows.  
Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.**

L: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new.  
God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

**P: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.  
Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.**

### \*OPENING SONG

*Gather Us In*

*Black Hymnal pg. 2236*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Jessie G, Pastoral Intern

**Wondrous God, present with us when we do not know it, valuing us when we do not care for ourselves, planting in us the seed of your word even when the soil of our hearts is hard and unyielding, open our eyes to recognize you here. May we sense your presence next to us. May we hear your voice. May we know your touch. May we see you in one another and in the beauty all around us. May your reality emerge deep inside each life, transforming our thoughts and deeds and our relationship with one another. Amen.**

### A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

Jessie G, Pastoral Intern

L: And Jesus Said . . .

**All: Let the Children come!**

### A CELEBRATION OF JESSIE GEORGE, OUR PASTORAL INTERN

*(see insert)*

### DRAMA DISCIPLES 10:45 am

*Questions Without Answers*

By Paul Neil

Characters/Cast: Rev. Christal B (retired)

### SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 23

*Red Hymnal pg. 754*

### ANTHEM 10:45 am

*Amazing Grace*

Altar Choir

### CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

*Pew Bible pg. 172  
New Testament*

### CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

*Pew Bible pg. 174  
New Testament*

L: A word for God's people

**P: Thanks be to God**

### MESSAGE

*Baptism: The Gift of Community*

Pastor Wendee Nitz

### SONG OF PRAYER

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

*Red Hymnal pg. 465*

### SILENT PRAYER and PRAYERS FOR ONE VOICE

Jessie G, Pastoral Intern

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

*Yes, He Did!*

Altar Choir (10:45 am)

\*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 George, Pastoral Intern

**Thank you, God, for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences, building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. Amen.**

\*CLOSING SONG

*We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus*

*Black Hymnal pg. 2251*

\*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

\*CLOSING MUSIC

Resource(s): Taught By Love, Lavon Bayler

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

## *Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church*

May 12, 2019



**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.

## CELEBRATING AND SENDING FORTH

### A FINAL MESSAGE FROM JESSIE, OUR PASTORAL INTERN

**RECOGNITION OF THE PASTORAL INTERN SITE TEAM** Pastor Wendee Nitz  
Rev. Christal B (retired) – Chairperson, Joan K, John W, and Judy B

### A FAREWELL BLESSING FOR JESSIE

Pastor Wendee Nitz: Dear friends, today we recognize the ministry Jessie has shared with our congregation this past school year as our Pastoral Intern from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. We consecrate Jessie to her new ministry in the service of Jesus Christ as a Local Licensed Pastor to two churches in Illinois. Jessie, in the name of Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church, I commend you to this work and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

Rev. Christal B: Jessie, we share these gifts with you as you leave this place. Know that these items are tokens of our appreciation for your shared ministry with us.

**P: May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things you may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ. Amen!**

### SONG OF SENDING FORTH FOR JESSIE!

*Here I Am, Lord*

*Red Hymnal pg. 593*



**Women's Retreat  
April 26-28, 2019**

What a wonderful weekend! It was so nice to catch up with some old friends and make some new ones. Loved the singing, worship and workshops. Wish I could have participated in more of the workshops. Thank you to all those who helped make it happen. The camp staff took such good care of us. And God provided some beautiful weather. What a joy to see the sunrise and the mist on the lake. Hope you will be able to join us next year - April 24 - 26, 2020.

Blessings,  
Bonnie C

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

May 19th  
After 2nd Service

Join us as we celebrate the staff and students who worked so hard this past Sunday School Season.

Refreshments to be served in Doyle Hall after Second Service.

*"START CHILDREN OFF ON THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND EVEN  
WHEN THEY ARE OLD THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT."*

*Proverbs 22:6*