

Opening Song- #2128 FWSH Come & Find the Quiet Center all verses

1-Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be,

2-Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

3- In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There's a space for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

Scripture Text- 1 John 4:7, 9

⁷My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him. ⁹God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life.

Closing Song- #347 Spirit Song

1-O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

-Refrain- Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2-O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. – Refrain-

Resources: Bread for the Journey, Ruth Duck, The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing Hymnal, The United Methodist Book of Worship

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for November 15, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Song* – #2128 FWSH Come & Find the Quiet Center, All Verses

Opening Prayer

Scripture – 1 John 4:7, 9

Message

Song of Preparation* – 618 Let Us Break Bread Together, All Verses

Communion/The Lord's Prayer*

A Prayer for One Voice

Our Faith in Action, Announcements, and Offering Prayer

Closing Song* - #347 – Spirit Song

Sending Out

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.

New Faith Witness Space – What is prayer?

Do you feel like some people have the gift of prayer and that you do not? Many people in my years of ministry have shared with me that they will never get up in front of people and pray. When someone says something like this to me, I believe them and listen to their many fears. A major thread that people share with me as to why they will not pray in public is that they will feel embarrassed. They would not know what to say or if their words would make sense to others. I get it, but I also believe God gets it too.

Because of my journey of faith into the heart of God, I know that God continues to encourage each of us to grow in faith. Faith is a process of deepening our relationships with God, each other, and ourselves. This deepening happens over time. We can become more comfortable, vulnerable, open to sharing our deeper selves in this process of Christian growth in prayer. Growing in prayer takes time, energy, opportunity, and courage. Growing in prayer is NOT a production that results in a product but a gift of deeper faith that can bless others with God's love.

Are you willing to grow in your relationships with God, each other, and yourself through prayer? If so, I invite you to share your thoughts on prayer, your journey into the heart of God, through writing a few paragraphs for this space in our weekly bulletin. Doing so may help you put words to your faith that may also help others in their faith journeys.

Blessings, Pastor Wendee

Resource: *How to Pray After You've Kicked the Dog*, by Terry Teykl

**This space is designed to help us express our thoughts and understandings of what prayer is and what it does for us and our families and communities. If you would like to share your comments and/or experiences with prayer, please contact Pastor Wendee.*

Prayer Requests

You are invited to pray for the following emailed prayer requests:

- For our shut-ins: **Janice B, Gaye D, Kim D, Jeanne and Dave H, Art and Jean J, Diane P, Dorothy S, Pat and Rod S, Gwen S, and Rick Z**
- For **Chris Cera and Jeanne R-C** as they mourn the loss of Chris's mother Rose from COVID.
- For **Paul** as he mourns his mother who died this past week from COVID.
- For **Dale T** as he recovers from surgery this past week.
- For **Pastor Wendee** and her family as they recover from COVID.
- For our **Community Prayer Initiative** in November. This is a difficult election for everyone. May we find a bit of grace to share with those who are running the community's elections. May they know that they are appreciated.
- For our **Break Through Prayer Initiative** (BTPI) efforts. We pray that you are praying the following prayer everyday at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.: *Creator God, we humbly ask what your plan is for us at Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church. Please, direct our path to your vision for us in our community. Amen.*
- For **race relations in our nation and our local areas** so that we build a society where all people are loved and valued and the vision of equitable policies and systems address our nation's past harms to People of Color.
- For the **people affected by the wildfires out west and hurricanes in the south**, the disruption of lives, the destruction of property, and the loss of life.

<u>Our Staff:</u>		<u>Calendar:</u>	
Preschool Director	Kara P	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 15, 2020</u>
Altar Choir Director	Shelly S	9:00 am	Worship – Facebook Live!
Choir Accompanist	Laurie S		Guest Preacher Christal B
Organist	Todd A	<u>Monday</u>	<u>November 16, 2020</u>
Administrative Assist.	Aryn A	9:00 am	Preschool
Custodian	Amy P	6:30pm	Admin/Finance Team Mtg.
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz	7:00 pm	AA in South Parking Lot
<u>Assisting In Worship:</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>November 17, 2020</u>
Video Taping	Larry G & Devin W	9:00 am	Preschool
		3:00 pm	Community Prayer Initiative
Liturgist	Edith G	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>November 18, 2020</u>
Soloist	Shelly S	9:00 am	Preschool
Counters	Edith G & Lynn W	2:00pm	Faithful Heart
		<u>Thursday</u>	<u>November 19, 2020</u>
		9:00 am	Preschool
		<u>Friday</u>	<u>November 20, 2020</u>
		<u>Saturday</u>	<u>November 21, 2020</u>
		10:15am	Charge Conf. via Zoom
		<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 22, 2020</u>
		9:00 am	Worship – Facebook Worship Service

Our Faith in Action, Announcements, and Opportunities to Service and Share God’s Love:

• **In response to God's love, if you would like to support the ministries and mission here at OCCUMC and beyond there are three ways you can give:**

- 1-**Electronic Funds Transfer**, contact Bonnie C at finance@occumc.org
- 2-**Mail** your offering to OCCUMC 8675 South 13th Street, Oak Creek, WI 53154.
- 3-**Online** using the Donate button on our church website at www.occumc.org

•**Estimate of Giving cards** provide helpful information to the Finance Team in making decisions about our programs and ministries. Thank you to the members who have returned theirs. If you have not done so yet, you can still return your card by mailing it to OCCUMC 8675 S 13th St. Oak Creek, WI 53154. Or you can send an email to our Financial Secretary at finance@occumc.org with your giving estimate for 2021. Let’s celebrate the many ways God is leading us to a new and fruitful ministry here at OCCUMC! Thank you for sharing ministry with our faith-family.

•**Technology Needs – Answered Prayer:** We welcome our new Technology Ministry Director – Devin W. Devin is a freshman at the UW Milwaukee studying in the film program. He comes to our congregation with a deep interest in sharing meaningful messages through the use of film and video. Welcome Devin! We believe you are an answer to prayer!

•**Walking with Jesus Prayer Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, November 22, 2020 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Join the Break Through Prayer Initiative Team for this socially-distant-face-masked prayer experience in the church parking lot. Yes, we know that the Packers are playing the Colts starting at noon. Maybe you and your family could watch the beginning of the game and then head over to church to walk this simple path of prayer. We will be praying for our faith-family’s future mission and ministry in our world, nation, state, communities, families, and in our personal lives. We will focus our prayers on the front doors - worship, the road sign - inviting, the sun dial – growing over time in the Spirit, the mission trailer – serving others, the parking lot - fellowship, and the swampy area in the backyard – just for fun!

• **The Salvation Army** is in urgent need of non-perishable food items.

They are asking for the following:

- Canned fish/meat
- Pasta, items like canned ravioli
- Pasta mixes
- Canned fruit
- Cereals

If you would like to donate please take the items directly to Salvation Army.

Thank you!

•**New Garden Prayer Area Open!** Since we are unable to pray in our Sanctuary, the Blooming Garden Team worked with the Dolores Esch Memorial monies and created a place for us to sit with God outside to the west of the north front door. Please come and pray.

Phone: (414) 762-4600 / Email: office@occumc.org or pastor@occumc.org

Website: <http://www.occumc.org> / Newsletter Editor: office@occumc.org

Find us on Facebook! [facebook.com/occumc](https://www.facebook.com/occumc)

8675 South 13th Street, Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154