

**Opening Song-**

*Hail the Lord's Anointed*

*UM Hymnal #203, all verses*

1-Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2-He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

3-He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

4-To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

**Scripture Text-**

*The Holy Bible: Contemporary English Version*

*Matthew 1:23*

<sup>23</sup>"A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means "God is with us."

*Isaiah 7:14*

<sup>14</sup>But the Lord will still give you proof. A virgin is pregnant; she will have a son and will name him Immanuel.

**Closing Song-**

*All the Earth is Waiting*

*UM Hymnal, #210, all verses*

1-All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord. All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

2-Thus says the prophet to those of Israel, "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel," for his name is "God with us," our brother shall be, with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

*Resources: The Faith We Sing Hymnal, The United Methodist Book of Worship, Worship Design Studio – Dr. Marcia McFee*

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

***Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church***

**Order of Worship for December 6, 2020**

**Welcome**

**Call to Break Through Prayer**

*Creator God, We humbly ask what your plan is for us at OCCUMC.  
Please, direct our path to your vision for us in our community. Amen*

**Opening Song\* – *Hail the Lord's Anointed, #203 all verses, UM Hymnal***

**Advent Lighting Ritual**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* – Sung by Patti Wrobel and Shelly Swodzinski

**Scripture – Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:23**

**Message – *It Takes Courage to Live a New Way So That God Can Be Born***

**Special Music**

**A Prayer for One Voice**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Faith in Action, Announcements, and Offering Prayer**

**Closing Song\* - *All the Earth is Waiting, #210 all verses, UM Hymnal***

**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.*

## *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, Eileen S, Gwen S, and Rick Z**

•For **Elaine L** as she recovers at home following surgery.

•For our **Community Prayer Initiative** in December. We encourage everyone to pray for our Public Workers in Oak Creek and Franklin. Folks like garbage workers, city bus driver, parks and recreation workers, snow plow operators, and many more. These folks keep our cities running smoothly. They are essential workers and we give thanks for their ministries!

•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 all who have or are suffering from **Covid-19**. We pray especially for our first responders, our healthcare workers, our essential workers including so many who support our society by risking exposure to the Corona Virus to help our world to continue to function well.

•For **all** who are experiencing financial, economic, relational and practical living difficulties as we move into the winter months.

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<b>Our Staff:</b>		<b>Calendar:</b>	
Preschool Director	Kara P	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 6, 2020</b>
Altar Choir Director	Shelly S	9:00 am	Worship – Facebook Live!
Choir Accompanist	Laurie S	<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 7, 2020</b>
Organist	Todd A	9:00 am	Preschool
Administrative Assist.	Aryn A	6:30pm	Leadership/Finance mtg. via Zoom
Custodian	Amy P	7:00 pm	AA in South Parking Lot
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 8, 2020</b>
		9:00 am	Preschool
		<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 9, 2020</b>
		9:00 am	Preschool
		2:00pm	Faithful Heart
<b>Assisting In Worship:</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 10, 2020</b>
Video Taping	Devin W (future)	9:00 am	Preschool
Liturgist	Edith G	<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 11, 2020</b>
Soloists	Shelly S & Patti W	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 12, 2020</b>
Counters	Edith G & Lisa B & Amber Y	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 13, 2020</b>
		9:00 am	Worship – Facebook Worship Service
		1:00pm	Tabitha Circle mtg. via Zoom

### **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](mailto:finance@occumc.org)

2-**Mail** your offering to OCCUMC 8675 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Creek, WI 53154.

3-**Online** using the Donate button on our church website at [www.occumc.org](http://www.occumc.org)

•**Listen to the Weekly Sermon/Worship Service Recorded Via Your Phone!**

OCCUMC has added this new resource for you to listen to the weekly worship service via a simple phone call. All you need to do is call 1-414-253-0437, listen, and enjoy!

•**OCCUMC Community Feedback Survey:** In order to connect more with our congregation, we've created a quick survey discussing Christmas Eve service, our Break Through Prayer Initiative, and overall connection OCCUMC during Covid-19. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated, and would only take about 1-2 minutes to complete. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGLXTL3>

•**Tabitha Circle** All women are invited to meet with Tabitha Circle via Zoom on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00pm. If you would like to join us for devotion & discussion contact Bonnie C at [cc32drc@tds.net](mailto:cc32drc@tds.net) or 262-497-9969 so she can send you the link. If you don't use Zoom, let Bonnie know and we can arrange for you to join us by phone.

•The January/February 2021 **Upper Room** booklets will be placed outside the church office doors in a plastic bag on the bench. Pick up at your convenience.

•**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 13<sup>th</sup> St. Oak Creek, WI 53154. Or you can send an email to our Financial Secretary at [finance@occumc.org](mailto: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.

•Call to Action,

**[Reminder: Please call on your state legislators today to take action on the coronavirus pandemic!](#)**

As people of faith, we want a fair and healthy Wisconsin where everyone can thrive. We yearn to gather for worship and celebration, educate our children, and support our families. But to reach that goal, we have to stop the spread of COVID-19.

As individuals, our responsibilities are clear. We love our neighbors by following public health guidelines to help keep them safe. We wear masks, keep six feet apart, avoid gatherings, stay home, and wash our hands.

But our faith also calls us to hold those in authority accountable for doing the right thing. We must demand that our elected officials provide bold leadership in this crisis for the sake of all Wisconsinites.

Action by our state legislature and governor is needed to channel resources to health care providers and public health agencies, cushion the economic impacts on workers and families, and set and enforce science-based rules to keep us all safe and well. We especially need to attend to those among us who are most threatened by the virus or lack the means to protect themselves and their families because of racism, economic inequality, incarceration, age, health, or other factors.

On Nov. 16, an interfaith coalition of faith leaders from around the state held a virtual press conference urging us all to abide by the health guidelines, thanking our health care workers and hospital chaplains, and calling our elected officials to account. ([Watch the recording.](#)) On November 20, Governor Evers met with leaders of the state legislature to discuss the state's response to COVID-19. **While this is a hopeful sign after many months of legislative inaction, we need to keep up the public pressure on the legislature to act.**

[Please contact your state senator and representative](#) and urge them to:

- Publicly support the recommendations of medical experts and Governor Evers' public health orders;
- Set partisanship aside and work to pass a comprehensive package of legislation to get us through this crisis.

Even as infections, hospitalizations, and deaths continue climbing to unprecedented levels, by working together we can still turn this pandemic around!

**[Call on your state legislators today to take action on the coronavirus pandemic NOW!](#)**

Thank you for your faithful advocacy!

Sincerely,



Peter Bakken  
Coordinator for Justice and Witness