

# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

9:00 am



*\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE*

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

## Welcome & Opportunities for Service

### Opening Prayer

#### \*Opening Song

#### *We Three Kings*

UMH #254

Words & Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr. 1857

1: We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**Refrain:** O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2: Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **Refrain**

3: Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. **Refrain**

4: Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **Refrain**

5: Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. **Refrain**

## Lifting Our Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

(Please pray in the language that brings you closest to God)

### Scripture

#### Matthew 2:1-12 CEB Coming of the magi

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. <sup>4</sup> He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

<sup>6</sup> You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." <sup>9</sup> When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

L: May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing & understanding of these words.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

#### \* Song of Preparation Come and Find the Quiet Center FWS #2128

Words: Shirley Erena Murray; Music: Attr. To B.F. White; Words ©1992 Hope Publishing Co.

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 being, touches base, making space within 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 place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

**Message Series: Summer Stories – Dr. Seuss**  
*Oh! The Places You'll Go!*

**Opportunity to Give**

**\*Closing Song**                      *Open My Eyes, That I May See*                      **UMH #454**

Words & Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895

1: Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

**Refrain:** Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2: Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

**Refrain:** Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3: Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

**Refrain:** Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Go Forth to Serve!**



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**THIS WEEK AT GLANCE**



**Sunday July 28, 2024**

9:00 am Worship – In-person & on Facebook  
10:00 am Coffee Bistro  
10:15 am Membership Class in L28

**Monday July 29, 2024**

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday July 30, 2024**

6:00 pm Merry Mat Makers

**Wednesday July 31, 2024**

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**Thursday August 1, 2024**

10:00 am Merry Mat Makers

**Friday August 2, 2024**

4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday August 3, 2024**

2:00 pm Wedding

**Sunday August 4, 2024 COMMUNION**

9:00 am Worship – In-person & on Facebook

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