

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

September 8th, 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

Apportionment Moment

Opening Prayer

Opening Song *In Christ There is No East or West* UMH #548

Words: St. 1, 2, 4 John Oxenham, 1913; St. 3 Launece Hull Stookey, 1987; Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. & Harm. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939; St. 3 © 1989 The UM Publishing House

- 1: I Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2: In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- 3: In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free; both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
- 4: In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Lifting Our Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

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

Choir *On Eagle's Wings*

Scripture **Ephesians 4: 1-6** CEB **Unity of the Body of Christ**

⁴ Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. ² Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, ³ and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. ⁴ You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. ⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

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

R: Thanks be to God.

* Song of Preparation *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH #557

Words: John Fawcett, 1782; Music: Johann G. Nageli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

- 1: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- 2: Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3: We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- 4: When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Message Series: *Created for Connection Connection Among Christians*

Opportunity to Give

Blessing of our Students, Teachers & School Staff

*Closing Song *Bind Us Together* FWS #2226

Words & Music: Bob Gillman; ©1977 Kingsway's Thank You Music

- 1: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.
- 2: There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, that is why we sing.
- 3: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

