

# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

#### **Be Thou My Vision UMH #451**

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### Lifting Our Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in the language that brings you closest to God.

#### \*Song of Preparation

#### **Make Us One FWS #2224**

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Left, Right, All

### Message

### **Sunday School Stories: Jonah & the Fish**

### Scripture **Jonah 1:1-2:1** CEB

#### Commissioning of a reluctant prophet

<sup>1</sup> The Lord's word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: <sup>2</sup> *"Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their evil has come to my attention."*

<sup>3</sup> So Jonah got up - to flee to Tarshish from the Lord! He went down to Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went aboard to go with them to Tarshish, away from the Lord. <sup>4</sup> But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, so that there was a great storm on the sea; the ship looked like it might be broken to pieces. <sup>5</sup> The sailors were terrified, and each one cried out to his god. They

hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to make it lighter.

Now Jonah had gone down into the hold of the vessel to lie down and was deep in sleep. <sup>6</sup> The ship's officer came and said to him, *"How can you possibly be sleeping so deeply? Get up! Call on your god! Perhaps the god will give some thought to us so that we won't perish."*

<sup>7</sup> Meanwhile, the sailors said to each other, *"Come on, let's cast lots so that we might learn who is to blame for this evil that's happening to us."* They cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> So they said to him, *"Tell us, since you're the cause of this evil happening to us: What do you do and where are you from? What's your country and of what people are you?"*

<sup>9</sup> He said to them, *"I'm a Hebrew. I worship the Lord, the God of heaven—who made the sea and the dry land."* <sup>10</sup> Then the men were terrified and said to him, *"What have you done?"* (The men knew that Jonah was fleeing from the Lord, because he had told them.) <sup>11</sup> They said to him, *"What will we do about you so that the sea will become calm around us?"* (The sea was continuing to rage.) <sup>12</sup> He said to them, *"Pick me up and hurl me into the sea! Then the sea will become calm around you. I know it's my fault that this great storm has come upon you."*

<sup>13</sup> The men rowed to reach dry land, but they couldn't manage it because the sea continued to rage against them. <sup>14</sup> So they called on the Lord, saying, *"Please, Lord, don't let us perish on account of this man's life, and don't blame us for innocent blood! You are the Lord: whatever you want, you can do."* <sup>15</sup> Then they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased its raging. <sup>16</sup> The men worshipped the Lord with a profound reverence; they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made solemn promises.

#### **No escape for the prophet**

<sup>17</sup> Meanwhile, the Lord provided a great fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. **2** Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish:

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

R: Thanks be to God.

## Opportunity to Give

### \*Closing Song

### *You Are the Seed* UMH #583

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#### THIS WEEK <sup>AT</sup> GLANCE



Sunday August 10, 2025

9:00 am Worship

Monday August 11, 2025

11:30 am Walk in the Park – Franklin Nature Center  
6:00 pm Walk in the Park – Franklin Nature Center  
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday August 12, 2025

5:30 pm The Cathedral Center Serving

Wednesday August 13, 2025

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday August 14, 2025

Friday August 15, 2025

Saturday August 16, 2025

9:00 am Men's Group Meeting  
2:00 pm Retirement Party

Sunday August 17, 2025

9:00 am Worship



Go Forth to Serve

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