

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

November 23rd, 2025



**PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT*

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

Welcome & Opportunities for Service

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song

Come to the Table of Grace vs 1-4

Words & Music: African American spiritual; adapt & arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986; © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

Lifting Our Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

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

Prayer Response

Choir *Hear My Prayer*

Scripture *Genesis 18:1-15* CEB

Isaac's birth announced

¹⁸ The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. ² He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. ³ He said, *"Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."*

They responded, *"Fine. Do just as you have said."*

⁶ So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, *"Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked*

*goods!"*⁷ Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

⁹ They said to him, *"Where's your wife Sarah?"*

And he said, *"Right here in the tent."*

¹⁰ Then one of the men said, *"I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"*

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old.

¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, *"Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' ¹⁴ Is anything too difficult for the Lord? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."*

¹⁵ Sarah lied and said, *"I didn't laugh,"* because she was frightened.

But he said, *"No, you laughed."*

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

R: Thanks be to God.

*Song of Preparation

Give to Us Laughter

Sung to the music of *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451
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Message: *Come to the Table Laughter at the Table*

Choir *Come Share the Lord*

Opportunity to Give

*Closing Song

We Gather Together UMH #131

Words: Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626, trans by Theodore Baker, 1894; Music: 16th Century Dutch melody, arr by Edward Kremser, 1877



THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Sunday November 23, 2025

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Coffee Bistro
Art by David
10:15 am Sunday School, Small Groups
4:15 pm See Spot Play

Monday November 24, 2025

Preschool Conferences
6:30 pm See Spot Play
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday November 25, 2025

6:30 pm SLT Team Meeting

Wednesday November 26, 2025

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday November 27, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving! Office closed

Friday November 28, 2025

Saturday November 29, 2025

Sunday November 30, 2025

9:00 am Worship

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