

Oakwood United Methodist Church

May 30, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 698
"God of the Ages"

INVOCATION

Abba, God!
Thank you for liberating us from fear.
Thank you for covering us with parental love.
Thank you for giving us a spirit of courage to witness to your love that crosses every boundary.
Reveal to us your image in the face of each person who is gathered here.
Move us to extend your peace with justice to our siblings throughout your world.
Open our hearts with generosity to glorify you with our gifts.
In the name of Jesus, our sibling, we pray.
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

SECOND HYMN UMH 437
"This is My Song"

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:12-17 (CEB)

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. ¹³If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. ¹⁴All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. ¹⁵You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. ¹⁷But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

SERMON Pastor Jess LeCrone
"We Are Family"

THIRD HYMN UMH 569
"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

BENEDICTION

Go into the world,
Led by the Spirit,
Glimpse the image of God revealed in each person and
Offer our siblings the peace of Christ
Reflecting his love and justice as we celebrate our family reunion.

We will not be passing an offering plate during the services, so if you would like to give your offering today, please leave it in the offering plate near the door on your way in or out of the sanctuary. Offerings can be made online through our website - ohumc.weebly.com.

-Prayer to Dedicate Our Gifts to God:
We present our offerings
in the name of Abba, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Triune God, who mothers us all,
bless and multiply these gifts
as they join with those across the United Methodist family
to bring peace with justice to all of your children.
Amen.

