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Weekly Prayer List

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Happy Birthday

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or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734.
(The hospital does not call the church).

To watch from home, “Like” our Facebook page, and watch the service live
at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on www.owatonnalive.com
and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration
pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.

June 1st, 2025
~Ascension Sunday~



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We are called to . . .

**Gather in Christ's Name,
Grow in God's Love,
Serve All People.**

The Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1st, 2025-9:00a.m.

Prelude	Great Is Our God	arr. Dale Wood
† Welcome and Announcements		
Centering Words		
Centering Hymn	Shout to the Lord	Black #2074
* Call to Worship:		
Leader: The roots of the Tree of Life run deep into the sacred soil. People: The limbs of the Tree of Life reach out to embrace the goodness of all creation. L: The trunk of the Tree of Life stands strong in the face of hatred and malice toward the least, the lonely, the left out. P: The branches of the Tree of Life struggle toward the heavens, hoping to bring about God’s reign of justice and love for all. L: The winds of the Spirit breathe through the Tree of Life, bringing renewal and hope. P: May our worship this day be a worthy offering that supports the Tree of Life and brings the goodness of the Sacred to our world.		
* Opening Prayer		
Gracious Creator, you invite us into relationship with every breath. Settle us, center us, and calm us to the ever-moving flowing of your Spirit calling us to become one with you. We pray in humility and hope of grace. Amen.		
Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement		
* Passing the Peace		
* Hymn of Praise	O Blessed Spring, vs. 1,2,5	Black #2076
Prayer of Confession:		
Creator God, You have called us to be caretakers of your creation, builders of peace, and bearers of hope—but we confess the times we have turned away. We have closed our ears to the cries of the earth, and our eyes to the needs of our neighbors. We have delayed action, telling ourselves it is someone else's work, or another generation’s task. We have let fear keep us from reconciliation, and comfort keep us from courage. Forgive us, O God. Loosen what binds us. Soften what has hardened. And remind us again that you are already at work, inviting us to join in the restoration of all things. Amen.		
~All pray in silence~		

Words of Assurance		
New Testament	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	
* Hymn of Response	We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations	Red #569
Gospel Reading	John 17:20-26	
L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us: P: Thanks be to God, Amen!		
Message	“Becoming One”	Pastor Lisa Vick
Hymn of Response	They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love	Black#2223
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		Screen
Offering		
* Doxology	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow	Red #95
* Offering Prayer		
* Communion Hymn	Fill My Cup	Screen
Service of Communion		Red #17-18
* Closing Hymn	O Church of God, United	Red #547
* Benediction		
Postlude	Toccata in the Style of Scarlatti	Gordon Young
* Please stand as you are able. † Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.		