Today's service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by Brenda Swoope in honor of Matthew's birthday on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God by Brenda Swoope in memory of Charlie's birthday on July 20<sup>th</sup>.



# Oaklette United Methodist Church

"God's Body in this Community"

"Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people."

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# July 24, 2022 ~ 11:00 A.M. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Crying Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and direction to these rooms. [†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.

PRELUDE

"Prelude in C Major"

- Monica Whitehurst

- Debbie Rippard

#### THE MORNING WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord, you gave us a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that we are your disciples, when we love each other. Help us to understand and to act upon this kind of love. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### **†OPENING HYMN**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

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- Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
- 2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, To love them as we find them, or as they may become.
- 3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved In living situations to do the truth in love;

#### PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

Members of the Church Nursery Care Providers: Shellene Castellow & Barbara Bennett Lay Reader: Megan Carroll Organist/Director of Music: Dana Moody Guest Pianist: Monica Whitehurst Prayer Partner: Brenda Swoope Audio-Visual Operator: Rob Castellow Facebook Live Recorder: Bright Tsevi Greeter: Joanne Rooks July Altar Guild: Ann & Jimmy Lee Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett Administrative Assistant: Eileen Ballance Financial Secretary: Edna Bess Costal Virginia Dist. Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Cecelia Brooks Resident Bishop, Richmond Area: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) (from Luke 10)

Dear Lord, how often we hear of real-life good Samaritans: those who would give the shirts off their backs, those who would do anything and everything to help people in need.

How ashamed we feel when we realize how little we do to seek justice and to alleviate suffering in our world.

We are amazed by our own ignorance.

We offer our hearts and hands to help, Lord.

As we feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless, may we also be fed by your bread of life, healed by your gentle touch, and sheltered by your indescribable love. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (from Colossians 1)

We no longer belong to the power of darkness.

We belong to the kingdom of the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who has set us free and forgiven our sins.

Remember the hope stored up for us in heaven—the hope that flamed into life when we first heard the good news; the hope of the glory to come; the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Only Hope"

- Julian Baker

#### SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:16-21 CEB

Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written. Revenge

belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord. Instead, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head. Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

## THE RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

- <u>L:</u> This is the Word of God for the people of God.
- **<u>P:</u>** Thanks be to God.

# SERMON "Arts of Neighboring" - Rev. Bob Robinson

HYMN OF RESPONSE "The Servant Song" (with modifications) FWS # 2222

- 1. Neighbor, neighbor, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my neighbor, too.
- 2. We are neighbors on a journey; we're together on this road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5. Neighbor, neighbor, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my neighbor, too.

## **†CLOSING PRAYER (responsively) From Proverbs 3:26-30**

One: Don't withhold good from someone who deserves it, when it is in your power to do so,

Many: Don't say to your neighbor, "Go and come back; I'll give it to you tomorrow," when you have it.

One: Don't plan to harm your neighbor who trusts and lives near you.

Many: Don't accuse anyone without reason, when they haven't harmed you.

One: Do this so that God may be honored through Jesus Christ.

Many: To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen.

All: Go in Peace and the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

†**POSTLUDE** 

"Fur Elise"

- Monica Whitehurst