

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust, leading captives into freedom, consuming false idols with holy fire, calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life. Therefore we join our voices with saints and angels and all the faithful of every time and place, singing,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ: Word made flesh, light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate, way and truth and life.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying, this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts, we offer our lives to you in service and praise as we keep the feast that Christ prepares: bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, now pour out your Holy Spirit among us: in this bread, in this cup, in your people; one in the body, one in the blood, one with Christ, one in mission, one in ministry; in this place, in every place, in this world, in the world to come.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.



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.”

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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

GREETING
JOYS AND CONCERNS
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER
Loving, sustaining God, like the mighty oak, may our branches at Oaklette church embrace those around us in this community. Use us as an instrument to welcome and shelter your people. Deepen our roots so that our branches are strong. Let the Holy Spirit flow like a river through our church, so that we may do your will. In Jesus’ holy name, Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE Romans 12:9-16b [CEB]
Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic – be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God’s people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you – bless and don’t curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don’t think that you’re better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status.

PRELUDE “The Communion Table” DANA MOODY

PASSING OF THE PEACE
MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
Lay Reader: The word of God speaks to our hearts (silent reflection)
The word of God speaks to our community (silent reflection)
The word of God speaks to our nation (silent reflection)

The word of God speaks to our world (*silent reflection*)
May God give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know Christ.
People: Lord, help us to know the glorious hope to which you have called us through your word.

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OPENING PRAYER
Almighty God, in choosing the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious care for the poor and lowly. Grant us, too, the grace to receive your Word in humility that we may be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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HYMN	“Tell Out My Soul”	#200
	1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of God’s word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.	
	2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God’s name! Make known God’s might, who wondrous deeds has done; God’s mercy sure, from age to age the same; God’s holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.	
	3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God’s might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by; proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.	
	4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of God’s word! Firm is the promise and God’s mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children’s children and forevermore!	

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
People: Merciful God, raise our sights and our hopes. Even as we yearn for your glorious inheritance, we settle for so much less. Even as we long to behold the extraordinary, we keep our eyes fixed on the ground. Even as we hope to inherit your glorious kingdom, we keep our hearts attuned to earthly power. Even as we desire to rest in the arms of your love, we listen to voices that sow discord. May your Holy Spirit find us ready when the one who ascended on high returns to his own. Amen.
Lay Reader: Wait patiently for the Spirit to stir in your spirit. Wait hopefully to be filled by the living God. For God justifies our hope, and Christ fills our cup with power from on high.

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ANTHEM	“I Remember You”	CHANCEL CHOIR
GOSPEL		Luke 1:39-57 [CEB]
Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, “God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her.”		

Mary said, “With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior. He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant. Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God. He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations. He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, just as he promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to Abraham’s descendants forever.”
Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her home. When the time came for Elizabeth to have her child, she gave birth to a boy.

SERMON	“Yes, and...”	Rev. Ned Alderman
HYMN	“Glorify Thy Name”	TFWS #2016
1. Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.		
2. Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.		
3. Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.		

Written by Rev. Chad Hornsby

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Give now with generous hearts that all people may hear God’s word and be helped by the work of this church.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Transforming God, we have come to your house as children. The Table is ever-growing and we revel in your gifts for us. Receive our simple offerings, that they may be used to faithfully serve in building your kingdom come. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

HYMN

“Cast Out, O Christ”

W&S #3072

- 1. Cast out, O Christ, cast far away the demons that destroy:
The haunting dreads that choke our souls, the hates that stifle joy.
- 2. Our raging griefs, our jealous fears are Legion in their name.
Our shackled hearts implore your grace to loose our binding shame.
- 3. Once long ago, from Galilee, you sailed to storm-tossed shores.
And still, in power, you brave new paths to breach our bolted doors.
- 4. Your Word breathes life and health and hope that break through evil’s thrall.
You send us, strengthened, home in peace to live your gospel call.
- 5. So come, O Christ and cast away the demons that destroy.
Transform our lives to sense your love and spread abroad your joy.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord be gracious and bless you that you may live a life of praise forever in God’s light.

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POSTLUDE

“The Rock of Salvation”

DANA MOODY

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 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 Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God.
The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God.*



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