

STATEMENT OF FAITH, A MODERN AFFIRMATION #885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father; infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem to offer himself for the sake of the world, let us now offer our tithes and gifts in thanksgiving.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, you give us your creation for our hope and fill it with the necessities of life. You give us yourself as Jesus, our teacher, friend, and savior whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension show us daily your love for your people. You give us your Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with prayer and by whose light we hear your word. Bless these gifts, and make us truly thankful. All glory and honor is yours, now and forever. Amen.

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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. 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.”

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 29, 2025



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 GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:1-6 LSB

And calling the twelve together, He gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; nor have two tunics apiece. And whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city. And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” And departing, they were going throughout the villages, proclaiming the gospel and healing everywhere.

PRELUDE

“Meditation”

DANA MOODY

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Lay Reader: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

People: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

Lay Reader: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

People: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

People: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

People

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Holy and gracious God, you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold, to paths we do not know. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.

HYMN

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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the crucified for victory!

Lay Reader: Clothed with the mantle of baptism and protected by God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

Live in the word of the Lord and be made new.

1. Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)
2. Hold my hand while I run this race. Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)
3. Stand by me while I run this race. Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)
4. I'm your child while I run this race. I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)
5. Search my heart while I run this race. Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race for I don't want to run this race in vain.(race in vain)

6. Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain (race in vain)

HYMN

“The Summons”

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1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, - will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare – should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found – to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go – where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

Live in hope, love with mercy, leave no stone unturned in your calling as one of God's precious disciples. For as often as you heed the word of the Lord, you are turned toward what is good and beautiful.

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POSTLUDE

“Fairest Church of Christ”

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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