

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

SERMON

“Speak”

Rev. Ned Alderman

HYMN

“O Church of God, United”

#547 vv. 1, 3, 4

1. O Church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.
3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
And in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
Proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.
4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
Close bound, by love united in thee, God’s blessed Son:
To bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
That souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in the Most High God who strengthens us and repays us many times more than we expect. We believe in God who gives generously and who expects the same from all creatures God has made. We believe in God whose utmost, living sacrifice is experienced through Jesus Christ, who paid it all.

We believe that Jesus Christ consciously and lovingly emptied himself so that we may learn to make sacrifice and live joyfully before God. By Christ’s impartial love we learn to love all those on the margins.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who enables us to re-present Jesus to the world. We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit a new community will be created without labels.

We believe all has been accomplished for deliverance and salvation and is now being lived in flesh even as God is glorified in heaven.



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"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 8, 2025

DAY OF PENTECOST

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

John 14:8-17, 25-27 [NRSV]

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I

have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

PRELUDE **“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart”** **DANA MOODY**

PASSING OF THE PEACE
MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Lay Reader: Beloved, pay attention! The Holy Spirit sweeps among us, binding us together as family in Christ.

People: We are children of God, heirs of grace.

Lay Reader: Beloved, have you noticed? The Holy Spirit moves among us, creating and renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and one another.

People: We are children of God, co-creators in grace.

Lay Reader: Beloved, be encouraged. The Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with mercy and grace, witnessing to us about God’s steadfast love for God’s people.

People: We are children of God, witnesses to grace.

Lay Reader: Beloved, pay attention! Whether in a rushing wind or a gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace.

People: We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2024

OPENING PRAYER

God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

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HYMN **“God of Grace, and God of Glory”** **#577**

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power:
Crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people’s worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts.

Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

Written by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals, A Place for Prayer blog, <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>.

Together, may we pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

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.

ANTHEM **“Holy Spirit Live in Me”** **CHANCEL CHOIR**

EPISTLE **Acts 2:1-21 [NIV]**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

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.

Because God first loved us, we are made to love one another. For the sake of the life of the world, offer yourselves, your time, and your possessions as signs of love.

Gracious God, breath of life and movement of all creation, we bring these gifts today as signs of our faith and our hope in your Spirit's work among us. As you did on Pentecost, pour out your Spirit anew, leading us to speak words of welcome and love across every boundary. May these offerings support ministries that cross divides and embody the hospitality of Christ. Open our eyes to see your deeds of power and to follow where your Spirit sends. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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.

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1. O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.
2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all thy great good news, God's great commonweal.
3. Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
The language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
Till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
And earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.
4. So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
Till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

May God, who gives us a spirit of adoption, bless you today, carrying you on the winds of the Spirit into the world to share the love, grace, and family that have been so lavishly given to each and every one of us. Amen.

DANA MOODY

*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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