

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

#451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA #883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1 © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, all of your works, all that you have done for us, testify to your love. You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may all that we do and all that we are testify to your amazing care and compassion. In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2010 copyright 2009 by Abingdon Press



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.”

May 11, 2025

Fourth 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

Revelation 4:1

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

PRELUDE

“Change My Heart, O God “

DANA MOODY

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Lay Reader: We meet in different buildings, in different towns.

People: We speak different languages and sing different hymns.

Lay Reader: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

#451

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

“For the Healing of the Nations” #428

- 1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2. Lead us forward, into freedom from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.
- 3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span,
may we hallow life’s brief span.
- 4. You Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.

BENEDICTION

May the God who made heaven and earth, whom death could not contain who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the gospel. The grace of God be with you all, now and always.

Worship & Song Worship Resources Edition copyright © 2011 by Abingdon Press

POSTLUDE

“God is Love” 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 flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by Pat Newbern in memory of Dugie Newbern, beloved husband of Pat.

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



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

- Members of the Church**
- Prayer Partner: Brenda Swoope**
- Lay Reader – Debbie Rippard**
- Audio-Visual Operator – Ericka Litten**
- Facebook Live Recorder: Bright Tsevi**
- Greeter: Joanne Rooks**
- Pastor: Rev. Ned Alderman**
- Administrative Assistant: Eileen Ballance**
- Financial Secretary: Edna Bess**
- Coastal Virginia Dist. Superintendent: Rev. Beth Givens**
- Resident Bishop, Richmond Area: Bishop Sue Hauptert–Johnson**