

3. Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.
4. This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

†CLOSING PRAYER (in unison)

Direct us, O Lord, in the decisions that we, the people of this Church, will make.
Clear our minds, that we may discern what is your will for us in this time and place.
Cleanse our hearts of unworthy sentiments. Free our wills from fear, that we may
confidently follow where you lead, regardless of the difficulties. Guard us from error
and provide what we need to fulfill what you desire. For the sake of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

†POSTLUDE

“They Will Know We Are Christians”

- 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 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 in honor of Lydia Friedel on her first birthday by Grandma Swoope.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God by Ethel R. Hickman in honor of Robin Hickman Burgan for her November birthday.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

Members of the Church

Nursery Care Providers: Linda Tandy & Jane Basnight

Lay Reader: Debbie Rippard

Organist/Director of Music: Dana Moody

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November 13, 2022 ~ 11:00 A.M.

Fannie Whitehurst Sunday



*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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

- Dana Moody

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

Let us place our trust in you totally, without reservation, for you are indeed faithful and just. As we have brought our prayers before you for our loved ones and for situations in the world in which pain and anger dominate, let us place our trust in your response and your healing love. Give us courage that our faith will be a witness to those who struggle; that our lives will bear the love you have lavished on us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Faith of Our Fathers”

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1. Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy when'er we hear that glorious word!
[REFRAIN] Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free.
[REFRAIN] Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.
[REFRAIN] Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

THE MORNING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsively)

Pastor: *Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:*

People: **We give you thanks, O God.**

Lay Reader: For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

People: **We give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: *For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation:*

People: **We give you thanks, O God.**

Lay Reader: For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed that Jesus is Lord; for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service:

People: **We give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: *Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray the prayer he taught his disciples to pray...*

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.

ANTHEM “Carry the Light” - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING - Haggai 1:12 - 2:19 (NLT)

¹²Zerubbabel and Joshua, together with the others who had returned from exile in Babylonia, obeyed the LORD's message spoken by his prophet Haggai, and they started showing proper respect for the LORD. ¹³Haggai then told them that the LORD had promised to be with them. ¹⁴So the LORD God All-Powerful made everyone eager to work on his temple, especially Zerubbabel and Joshua. ¹⁵And the work began on the twenty-fourth day of that same month.

¹⁻² On the twenty-first day of the next month,^[a] the LORD told Haggai the prophet to speak this message to Governor Zerubbabel, High Priest Joshua, and everyone else:

³ Does anyone remember how glorious this temple used to be? Now it looks like nothing. ⁴ But cheer up! Because I, the LORD All-Powerful, will be here to help you with the

work, ⁵ just as I promised your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt. Don't worry. My Spirit is^[b] right here with you.

⁶ Soon I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake the nations, and their treasures^[c] will be brought here. Then the brightness of my glory will fill this temple. ⁸ All silver and gold belong to me, ⁹ and I promise that this new temple will be more glorious than the first one. I will also bless this city^[d] with peace.

¹⁰ On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month,^[e] the LORD God All-Powerful told the prophet Haggai ¹¹ to ask the priests for their opinion on the following matters:

¹² Suppose meat ready to be sacrificed to God is being carried in the folds of someone's clothing, and the clothing rubs against some bread or stew or wine or olive oil or any other food. Would those foods that were touched then become acceptable for sacrifice?

“Of course not,” the priests answered.

¹³ Then Haggai said, “Suppose someone has touched a dead body and is considered unacceptable to worship God. If that person touches these foods, would they become unclean?”

“Of course they would,” the priests answered.

¹⁴ So the LORD told Haggai to say: That's how it is with this entire nation. Everything you do and every sacrifice you offer is unacceptable to me. ¹⁵ But from now on, things will get better. Before you started laying the foundation for the temple, ¹⁶ you recalled what life was like in the past.^[f] When you wanted 200 kilograms of wheat, there were only 10, and when you wanted 50 jars of wine, there were only 20. ¹⁷ I made all of your hard work useless by sending mildew, mold, and hail—but you still did not return to me, your LORD.

¹⁸ Today you have completed the foundation for my temple, so listen to what your future will be like. ¹⁹ Although you have not yet harvested any grain, grapes, figs, pomegranates,^[g] or olives, I will richly bless you in the days ahead.

THE RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Stuck in the Twilight Zone” - Dr. Tim Hazlett

HYMN OF RESPONSE “What Gift Can We Bring” #87

1. What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?
2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.