

3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Refrain

GATHERING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“PEOPLE NEED THE LORD”

DANA MOODY

Today's service is available on Facebook Live at 11 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 are given to the glory of God in honor of
Dana and Don Moody
celebrating their 30th anniversary.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

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Lay Reader: Debbie Rippard

Prayer partner: Brenda Swoope

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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."

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to our church. All are welcome in the house of the Lord.

PRELUDE

“CRY OF MY HEART” with

“I’LL GO WHERE YOU WANT ME TO GO”

DANA MOODY

GATHERING HYMN

“SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER ”

#496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

GREETING & PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 34:18; Romans 8:26; Lamentations 3:21-23)

Leader: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted.

People: God is close to all who are crushed in spirit.

Leader: There are times when words fall short –

People: But even then, the Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for speech.

Leader: Still, this we call to mind, and therefore, we have hope:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Leader: God’s mercies are new every morning –

People: Great is God’s faithfulness, even now.

Leader: So, we come, with sorrow and silence, with questions and prayers.

People: We come to worship the God who holds us in the mystery.

WORSHIP HYMN “NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD” #472

1. There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

3. There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

JOYS, CONCERNS, & WHERE WE’VE SEEN INSPIRATION & THE WORK OF GOD THIS WEEK

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM “GOD’S WORK” CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE Psalm 31:1-3, 7, 9-10 (NLT)

O Lord, I have come to you for protection; don’t let me be disgraced. Save me, for you do what is right. Turn your ear to listen to me; rescue me quickly. Be my rock of protection, a fortress where I will be safe. You are my rock and my fortress. For the honor of your name, lead me out of this danger. I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love, for you have seen my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul. Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in distress. Tears blur my eyes. My body and soul are withering away. I am dying from grief; my years are shortened by sadness.

MESSAGE “DIFFICULT TIMES” REV. CARLA WARNOCK

OFFERING PRAYER

MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN “JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE” TFWS #2158

1. I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong,
I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain