



"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 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

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.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

Members of the Church

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Lay Reader: Debbie Rippard

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PRELUDE

"AVE VERUM"

DANA MOODY

GATHERING HYMN

"NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS "

#362

1. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus

Refrain

3. Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

3. This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

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

Leader: God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?

People: **How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?**

Leader: When human loving fails and every hope is gone,

People: your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.
Leader: When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow,
People: how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe?
Leader: The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.
People: A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.
Leader: Who dares to throw the stone to damn another’s sin,
People: when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?
Leader: No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.
People: As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.
God, How Can We Forgive? By Ruth Duck (The Faith We Sing, p. 2169)

WORSHIP HYMN

“GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN”

#365

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Refrain
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross.
Refrain

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today.
Refrain

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive?
Refrain

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”

CHOIR

SHELLEY CASTELLOW, Flute

SCRIPTURE **Luke 24:44-49**
He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

MESSAGE “THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS?” REV. CARLA WARNOCK

OFFERING PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED
I believe in God the Father Almighty maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

HYMN

“ HE TOUCHED ME”

#367

1. Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,
then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.
Refrain
He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made we whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise him; I’ll shout it while eternity rolls.
Refrain

GATHERING PRAYER/BENEDICTION
May the Lord shape us individually and as a community together built on love and forgiveness. May Christ’s teachings be our guide so that we reflect love of God. Help each of us remember the words of Mr. Rogers: “*The only thing that evil can’t stand is forgiveness*”. This week may you find God’s peace and love always with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE “OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU” DANA MOODY

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