

## POSTLUDE

## “I AM PRAYING FOR YOU”

**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.

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*“Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people.”*

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*Eighth Sunday After 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.*

# PRELUDE

## “WHEN GOD SEEMS SO NEAR “

**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 or 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER/ OFFERING PRAYER

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above his heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## 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: We have been called to prayer, to a place of holy wonder, where God’s transforming power can be experienced.

People: May the light of Love burn brightly in us, transfiguring and transforming our hearts and minds, and becoming a beacon of hope for others.

Leader: Let us come before God with open hearts and expectant spirits, ready to receive His grace and be changed by His presence.

People: We believe that prayer is a powerful force, capable of bringing about personal and global transformation, and we seek to be instruments of that change.

Leader: Let us pray together, not just with words, but with a willingness to be molded and shaped by God’s love and purpose.

People: We open our hearts to Your transforming power, O God, and ask that You would work in and through us for Your glory.

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| WORSHIP HYMN | “SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”                   | #393 |
|              | Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. |      |
|              | Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. |      |
|              | Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.           |      |
|              | Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. |      |

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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| ANTHEM    | “PRAYER IS THE SOUL’S SINCERE DESIRE“ | CHANCEL CHOIR    |
| SCRIPTURE |                                       | Luke 11:1-4 NRSV |

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

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| MESSAGE | “A PRESENCE TRANSFORMED BY PRAYER” |
|         | REV. CARLA WARNOCK                 |

MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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.

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| HYMN | “IT’S ME, IT’S ME, IT’S ME, O LORD”                                                       | #352 |
|      | Refrain                                                                                   |      |
|      | It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.                                 |      |
|      | It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.                                 |      |
|      | 1. Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.    |      |
|      | Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer        |      |
|      | Refrain                                                                                   |      |
|      | It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.                                 |      |
|      | It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.                                 |      |
|      | 2. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. |      |
|      | Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.    |      |
|      | Refrain                                                                                   |      |
|      | It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.                                 |      |
|      | It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.                                 |      |
|      | 3. Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer,     |      |
|      | Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.        |      |
|      | Refrain                                                                                   |      |
|      | It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.                                 |      |
|      | It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.                                 |      |