

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.

GATHERING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"VERDANT MEADOWS"

DANA MOODY

*References: The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers: Spiritual Insights from the World's Most Beloved Neighbor by
Amy Hollingsworth (2007)*

*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 by Ann Lee
in honor of Jimmy Lee for his birthday.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

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Lay Reader: Debbie Rippard

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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."*

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

"ELEVATION"

DANA MOODY

GATHERING HYMN

"OPEN MY EYES"

#454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear:
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

GREETING & PASSING OF THE PEACE

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: Listen! Wisdom is calling!
People: Before all began, God, Word, and Wisdom creating and calling from the foundations of the deep.
Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!
People: From the mountain tops – earth, fields, and sea – creating and calling from the foundations of the deep.
Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!
People: To those who suffer God’s love is given and endurance blossoms from the foundations of the deep.
Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!
People: Daily, God’s delight – you, me everyone given hope, grace, love as the foundation of our lives.
Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!
People: Poured into our hearts that we may become Christ’s hand and heart – love as the foundation of our lives. Listen! Wisdom is calling!

Written by Terri – on RevGalBlogPals

WORSHIP HYMN “LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN” \$454

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart. In my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM “LORD, WE PLANT THE SEED“ CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:2-8 (CEB)
Don’t be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God’s will is – what is good and pleasing and mature.

Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don’t think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don’t all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God’s grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

MESSAGE “THE BEST GIFT: YOUR HONEST SELF”
REV. CARLA WARNOCK

UPDATE ON OUR REVIVAL SEEDS AND SOIL

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.

HYMN “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.