

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong, Alleluia, Alleluia!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### GATHERING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" 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 by Barbara Bennett  
in honor of Shelley Castellow.

#### PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

Members of the Church  
Nursery Care Providers:  
Lay Reader: Debbie Rippard  
Prayer partner: Brenda Swoope  
Audio-Visual Operator: Julian Baker  
Greeter: Joanne Rooks  
Pastor: Rev. Carla Warnock  
Administrative Assistant: Eileen Ballance  
Financial Secretary: Edna Bess  
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Resident Bishop, Richmond Area: Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson



*"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 5 2026 Sixth 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 "GOD OF OUR FATHERS" DANA MOODY

GATHERING HYMN "TO GOD BE THE GLORY" #98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

#### *Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

#### *Refrain*

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

#### *Refrain*

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BRIEF WORDS FROM PASTOR CARLA

### OPENING PRAYER/BLESS OFFERING

#### 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.

### MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Come, people of God, remembering the foundations laid in faith, when hearts sought the guidance of the Lord and hands built upon His Word.

**People:** We gather to give thanks to the One who is our refuge and strength, our ever-present help in times of need.

**Leader:** From the mountains to the valleys, from the cities to the fields, let every voice proclaim the greatness of our God.

**People:** For the Lord is righteous and His love endures forever; His truth is a light to every generation.

**Leader:** Let us worship the One who is the Author of liberty, the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

**All:** We lift our hearts in praise to Jesus Christ, our Savior, our King, and the firm foundation of our hope.

#### WORSHIP HYMN

#### “FAITH OF OUR FATHERS”

#710

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!  
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.  
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.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED – GLORIA PATRI

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 rose 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.

#### 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.

#### ANTHEM

#### “AMERICA MEDLEY”

#### CHANCEL CHOIR

#### SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:10-11, 14-16

<sup>10</sup> For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. <sup>11</sup> They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. . . . <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

#### MESSAGE

#### “A NATION FORMED IN CHRISTIAN FAITH

REV. CARLA WARNOCK

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal pages 12-15

(Singing Lord's Prayer – on screen)

#### COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### HYMN

#### “FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

#711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith  
before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia