

Heal the sick...[silence]

Touch with compassion all those who suffer; speak the word that will make them whole.

Cast out demons...[silence]

Banish the powers that oppress your people; bring peace to troubled hearts and minds.

Welcome the outcast...[silence]

Open the doors of your church to all; gather the lost and bring them home.

Raise the dead..[silence]

As you broke free from the grave, destroy the power of death forever.

Nothing is impossible for you, Christ Jesus.

Let these signs of your coming realm be manifest in our world today; for you are our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore we ask the Lord to send us out as laborers for the harvest. Let us offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Good and holy God, for your steadfast love and faithfulness we give you thanks and bless your name. Let our whole lives become songs of gratitude, joy, and praise so that all the earth may know that we are your people and you are our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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. Amen.

HYMN "STANDING ON THE PROMISES" #374

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.



"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."

June 14, 2026

Third 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.

GREETING

PRAISE SONG LAVON ARMSTRONG, SPIRIT OF TRUTH MINISTRIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT HAS GOD PUT ON YOUR HEART: JOYS AND CONCERNS AND WHERE WE'VE SEEN INSPIRATION AND THE WORK OF GOD

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.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:35-10:8 NRSV

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to the Gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of

the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ summons us to answer God’s call of mercy.

Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal, to be forgiven and to forgive, to be freed from sin and to set others free, to tell one another and the world:

God’s presence is at hand.

Let us worship God.

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OPENING PRAYER

God, again and again, you call us to a journey; a journey where good news is shared, where new people are encountered, where our plans are changed. Help us be attentive to your invitation, to be courageous, to pay attention, and to celebrate your work in and through us. Help us see your presence when difficulties come, when plans change, and when we have to find a new way. May the people we meet, the strangers we host, and the companions we travel with become a sign and symbol of your saving promise. In the name of Jesus, who sends us on the way. Amen.

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.HYMN

“GO TO THE WORLD”

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Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the Word of God’s redeeming grace.

Go seek God’s presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you ‘til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!” Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Through our Lord Jesus Christ we have obtained access to the grace in which we stand. With confidence in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Loving God, without your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd. Sometimes we are harassed by sin and feel helpless against its power. Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power to harass the helpless. We are wolves in sheep’s clothing, innocent as serpents and wise as doves.

Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home. Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Hear the good news of God’s love: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“BEYOND THE OPEN DOOR”

CHANCEL CHOIR

EPISTLE LESSON

ROMANS 5:1-8 NRSV

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

LESSON

“LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS NEXT TRICK WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE”

REV. NED ALDERMAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

From you alone, Lord Jesus Christ, comes the authority to heal the sick, cast out demons, welcome the outcast, and even raise the dead. Therefore we are bold to seek your power and ready to claim your grace.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

BENEDICTION

Sisters and brothers, we are not dismissed.
We are not just free to go. Christ sends us!
Go home. Welcome the stranger in your midst!
Go work. Create spaces of justice and mercy!
Go learn. Sharpen the talents God has given you!
Go play. Rejoice in the wonder of God's creation!
Go in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord.
Go to help and heal in all you do.
Christ sends us! Thanks be to God!

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POSTLUDE

“THE LORD BLESS 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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