



Oaklette United Methodist Church
"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 7, 2026

Second 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. [†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND WHERE WE SEE GOD WORKING IN THE WORLD

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

HOSEA 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God’s promises are true.

Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God’s blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God’s call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God’s people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2025.

OPENING PRAYER

Long before the change of name, before the first signs of new life showed the beginnings of promises fulfilled, You asked Abram to make his home among foreigners, and share the blessing that was to come.

And now, O God, you ask the same faith of us: The faith to count ourselves among the least, to find our place alongside the poor and broken; The faith to trust in your mercy and your promises, and to share what we have received; The faith to wait expectantly for your reign of justice and equity, together with those who most need its gifts.

Teach us to be children of Abram, sharers of the blessings we enjoy: The blessing of plenty shared with those who have need, The blessing of healing shared with those who are sick and wounded, The blessing of joy shared with those who celebrate and of tears shared with those who grieve, The blessing of friendship shared with those who are excluded, and of solidarity with those who fight injustice, The blessing of peace shared with those in conflict, and of confrontation shared with those who bring harm; And in some small way, may our faith and our sharing, help to bring your promises into being in our world. Amen.

HYMN

“THE SUMMONS”

TFWS #2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare – should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found – to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me.

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go – where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers, and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far.

Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You.

**In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray.
Amen.**

ANTHEM

“COME TO THE RIVER”

CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26 NRSV

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

Suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

LESSON

“SEE AND LEARN WHAT’S DESIRED”

REV. NED ALDERMAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CONFIRMATION

The Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God’s Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

Do you in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn vow and promise made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as faithful members of Christ's holy Church?

I do.

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care Kacy Bailey, whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore.

Amen.

UMPH Methodist Publication. The United Methodist Book of Worship: Regular Edition Black (pp. 173-179). United Methodist Publishing House. Kindle Edition.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

God is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, creating God, breath of all being; the earth is yours and all that is in it, and all who dwell therein. You founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the deep. You planted seeds in fertile ground, to rise and sing your praise.

Glory to you forever.

You formed us from the earth and planted goodness in our souls, that we might love like you. You called us to live your law of harmony and to long for your commands. Yet, when our disordered cravings bowed down our spirit, you did not leave us low, but bent down to meet us and grow us up again.

Therefore we lift our voices in thanksgiving, for you have wondrously made us. By water and your life-giving Spirit, you have more wondrously remade us to join the song of all creation and forever sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and life, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks, O God, that you sowed your Word in Jesus, to grow your kingdom here on earth and draw us ever near.

Jesus planted mercy wherever he went, to reap a greater righteousness. He shared bread with outcasts and sinners and healed the brokenhearted.

Glory to you forever.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends, and said, Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Glory to you forever.

Remembering his dying and rising, we offer you this bread and wine, and ourselves in grateful service.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and all your people here today. Breathe your Spirit over all creation that together we may cultivate peace in every corner of the world. Then bring us to that blessed mountain where with the meek and pure in heart we will live forever in blessedness as we taste the fruits of heaven.

Glory to you forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, by the inspiration of your Life-giving Spirit, we worship you, Creating God, in songs of endless praise. Blessed are you, now and forever.

Amen.

Long, Kimberly Bracken. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2: Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ (pp. 348-350). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God, who knows our needs and our wants, gives us all we have and invites us to give in gratitude and joy so that we can bless others as we have been blessed. Let us worship God through our offerings, in thankfulness and love.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Loving God, you gave seen our needs and have come to us. At this time, we think of others; and our hearts and minds reach out to them through this act of giving. There are so many who are hurting in this world. Some are right here in our community. Some are in distant lands. Since we are all a part of your family, we share what we have. We rejoice that we can participate in this act of sharing your sharing your love in Jesus' name. 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.

HYMN

“I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS”

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I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus – no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me – no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow – no turning back, no turning back.

BENEDICTION

Go now as the people of God, a family.

POSTLUDE

“LEAD ME, LORD”

DANA MOODY

Today's service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 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 presented to the glory of God by Stella Price in honor of Pastor Ned. Thank you, Ned, for all you taught me in Bible Study – then I forget - I'll miss you.



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