

## 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.

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor for God's work in the world.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**Empowering God, you are the one who pours out your Spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely: truth, empathy, vision, and power. As your Spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts – not out of fear or obligation, but in response to your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophetic witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your Spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen.**

## 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

### “FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES”

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Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,  
manifold the service, one the sure reward.  
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;  
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.  
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,  
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.  
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;  
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.  
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,  
move we on together to the shining goal.  
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine



## "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.”*

**May 24, 2026**

**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

## 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

**John 20:19-23, CEB**

On the evening of the first day of the week, while the disciples were behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After saying this, He showed them His hands and His side, and the disciples were filled with joy.

Jesus then said again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” He also gave them authority, saying, “If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven.”

**PRELUDE “SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART” DANA MOODY**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.**



**BENEDICTION**

Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, discernment, tongues, interpretation, all the Spirit’s gifts are for the common good of all God’s people.

Now may the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the services of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the activities of the only real and holy God be visible in you and all of Christ’s holy church.

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**POSTLUDE                    “HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE”                    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.

**PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY**

**Members of the Church**

**Nursery Care Providers: Jerome Perry & Joanne Rooks**

**Lay Reader: Debbie Reppard**

**Prayer partner: Brenda Swoope**

**Audio-Visual Operator: Danny & Kelly Castellow**

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