4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

GATHERING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "WE ARE SO BLESSED" MONICA WHITEHURST

Call to Worship : The Pastor's Workship
Rev. Jeffrey A. Witt (2016) Twelve Faith Lessons: Taught by Stone Stories
Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith (2020 House of the Lord. Be Essential Songs

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 in honor of Terry Webb.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY
Members of the Church
Lay Reader: Debbie Rippard
Prayer partner: Brenda Swoope
Audio-Visual Operator: Danny & Kelly Castellow
Music Director: Dana Moody
Today's Musician: Monica Whitehurst
Greeter: Joanne Rooks
Pastor: Rev. Carla Warnock
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"Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people."

November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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

PRELUDE "PRELUDE FOR LUTE BWV999" MONICA WHITEHURST

GATHERING HYMN "MORNING HAS BROKEN" #145

1. Morning has broken like the first morning
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

GREETING

WELCOME GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

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 PRAYER: ALIVE FOR THE LORD
Inspired by scriptures like Romans 12:1 and Psalm 102:2
Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you. We gather, alive to your Word and awake to your grace.

People: You have breathed life into our days; we come to offer our lives back to you in praise.
Leader: "So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service.
People: Serve the Lord with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy!
Leader: Open our hearts, Lord, to live fully in your light today.
All: Let us praise the God of life!

WORSHIP HYMN "JESUS CALLS US" #398

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

2. As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more!

4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all!

5MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "YOU SAY" MONICA WHITEHURST

SCRIPTURE John 11:6-16 CEB
When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, he said to his disciples, "Let's return to Judea again."
The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?"
Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn't stumble because they see the light of the world. But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn't in them."
He continued, "Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up."
The disciples said, "Lord, if he's sleeping, he will get well." They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus' death.
Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died. For your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there so that you can believe. Let's go to him."
Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, "Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus."

MESSAGE "ROLLING STONES" REV. CARLA WARNOCK

REFLECTION

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

A MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Pastor: Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:
All: 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, 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.

CLOSING HYMN "THE SERVANT SONG" TFWS #2222

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.