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The Food Basket before the altar is presented to the glory of God and in memory of Audrey Hope Denny Hodges.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God.



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"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."

November 16, 2025

Twenty-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

Rev. Joel Coleman

JOYS AND CONCERNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 46:1-11, NIV

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!
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OPENING PRAYER

Holy God of mystery and miracles, reveal your presence to us as we gather in worship. Send your Holy Spirit to descend upon us, as angels once descended to Jacob. Raise our thoughts, that we may reflect on your promises and trust with hope in promises yet to come. In your holy name, we pray. Amen
Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 158). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

HYMN

“I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD”

I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;
while all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God art present there.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

Long, Kimberly Bracken. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2: Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ (pp. 112-113). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 28:10-17, NIV

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of healing the world. We live by the Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God’s holy universal church. We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection, and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God’s glory. Amen.

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In a world filled with blessings we celebrate our privilege and our responsibility to share those blessings. Let us celebrate the God of overwhelming blessings by continuing our worship through the offering of our tithes and gifts

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OFFERING PRAYER

God, just as you would receive Jacob’s gift of oil poured on the stone that had been his pillow, receive our humble gifts today as an act of worship. May our offering make your name known in places where you are needed. 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

“LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING”

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Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished as forward we travel from light into light.
His law He enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in His orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean, proclaim Him divine.

We, too, should be voicing, our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise.
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest hosanna and praise.

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BENEDICTION

People of God, as you leave this place, do not grow weary in doing what is right.
We will bring hope and love to all we meet and proclaim justice and peace wherever we go.
Sisters and brothers in Christ, as you go forth, share God’s vision of the peaceable kingdom.
We will share God’s vision of peace and work for to bring God’s kingdom near.
Children of the Holy Spirit, as you return home, live this vision and dream into reality.
Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (pp. 244-245). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

POSTLUDE

“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

DANA MOODY