GATHERING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "TRUMPET TUNE" DANA MOODY

Call to Worship Prayers

Collins, Sophia. (2026) Garden of Gethsemane Meaning in the Bible: Why It Matters to Christians. Garden of Gethsemane Meaning in the Bible: Why it Matters to Christians
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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 Nancy Helsel.

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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 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

PRELUDE "ARIA" DANA MOODY

GATHERING HYMN "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" #496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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

Leader: We fix our eyes on you Jesus, our Lord, our Savior and King.
People: Come fill our hearts with your endless love and send the wind of your Spirit to blow new hope through our lives.
Leader: Come light up our souls to rise in faith, to stretch out and take in your kingdom.

People: Come pour out your Spirit upon us as we stand together as brothers and sisters in the Lord..

Leader: Come lift up our heads, brush away the shadows of guilt and shine your grace into our minds.

People: And so Lord, we arise to worship. We shake off the shackles of a fallen world and join with heaven to sing your praise. We will declare your goodness now and celebrate your greatness forevermore! Amen.

WORSHIP HYMN "MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST" #453

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
   Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
   This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;
   more love to thee, more love to thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
   now thee alone I seek, give what is best.
   This all my prayer shall be:
   more love, O Christ, to thee;
   more love to thee, more love to thee!

3. Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;
   sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
   when they can sing with me:
   more love, O Christ, to thee;
   more love to thee, more love to thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
   this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
   this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
   more love to thee, more love to thee!

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "THY HOLY WINGS" CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:36-42 (CEB)

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, "Stay here while I go and pray over there." When he took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. Then he said to them, I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert with me." Then he went a short distance farther and fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it's possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However – not what I want but what you want."

He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay alert one hour with me? Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak." A second time he went away and prayed, "My Father, if it's not possible that this cup be taken away unless I drink it, then let it be what you want."

MESSAGE "PRAYER STONES: WHERE IS YOUR GETHSEMANE?"
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 "EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT" #404

Refrain
Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke,
   All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.
   Refrain

2. Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul,
   Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.
   Refrain