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BENEDICTION

Jesus said to the leper, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well.” Let us all claim Jesus’ healing and liberation in our lives. Get up and go on your way! In Jesus’ name, your faith has made you whole.

And all God’s people say: **Amen.**

Rebecca Gaudino, Ministry Matters, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4265/worship-elements-october-9-2022>

POSTLUDE

“I SAW THE LIGHT”

MONICA WHITEHURST

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 Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God.

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

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

Members of the Church

Nursery Care Providers: Brooks & Lisa Ryno

Prayer Partner: Brenda Swoope

Lay Reader – Debbie Rippard

Audio-Visual Operator – Danny Castellow

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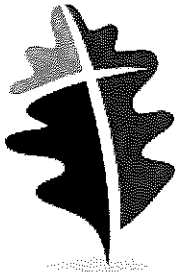
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"God's Body in this Community"

“Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people.”

October 12, 2025

Eighteenth 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

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.

FIRST GOSPEL READING, LUKE 17:20-21, NRSV

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”

PRELUDE

“PRELUDE FROM TE DEUM”

MONICA WHITEHURST

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP “GOD OF THE SPARROW, GOD OF THE WHALE” UMH #122
God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars: How does the creature say Awe?
How does the creature say Praise?

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast: How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave: How does the creature say Grace?
How does the creature say Thanks?
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal: How does the creature say Care?
How does the creature say Life?
God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook: How does the creature say Love?
How does the creature say Peace?
God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart: How do your children say Joy?
How do your children say Home?

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OPENING PRAYER

Author of hope and renewal, though our bodies grow weak and our spirits faint within us, your word is not chained but leads us ever forward. Teach us to bloom where we are planted and to pray for the welfare of all, that our hope may be kindled and our faith may be strengthened. Amen.

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HYMN “GIVE THANKS” TFWS #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

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And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

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OFFERING PRAYER
Gracious healer who meets us on the way, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual – let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. May we never settle for being merely clean when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

HYMN “HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW” TFWS #2146

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

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“Let not your heart be troubled,”
His tender words I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubt and fears;
Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
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Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free:
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RESPONSE TO THE WORD
PRAYER OF INTERCESSION*

[A brief silence may be kept after each intercession.]
We bless you, O God, for your power: in mighty deeds and tender mercies. We bless you, O God, for your watchful care: in places of exile and at home. We bless you, O God, for your healing presence: in sickness and in brokenness. We pray to you for the needs of the world: for those enslaved by political, military, or social oppression....
for those suffering from violence and illnesses we can prevent....
for those at risk from famine, drought, and natural disasters....

We pray to you for the renewing of creation: for an end to harmful habits and willful ruin....
for heightened care for species at risk....
for more faithful stewardship among us toward earth's resources....

We pray to you for the cares of our community: for those who have lost jobs, homes, and hope....
for those who are hungry today and will be again tomorrow....
for those troubled in mind, body, or spirit, and for those recovering....

We pray to you for the cares we hold this day: for patience in difficulty....
for a renewal of commitment....
for grace to forgive ourselves or another....

Heal us, we pray, in our dis-eases, estrangements, and in the broken places of our lives.
May we return to you, to creation, and to community in joy and thanksgiving according to your grace. Give your church fresh courage and bold vision in this changeful time, as we pray for the welfare of all people.

In the name of the one who came to heal and to save, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING*
Practicing gratitude can change our lives as individuals; it can change our life as a congregation. In the spirit of gratitude to God, our giving is not reduced to ethical duty but is elevated to delight and joy. As we offer to God these measured gifts, let us also offer unmeasured praise.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: Eternal God, we are grateful that you have led us in the past and will continue to lead us in the future. Thank you that your faithfulness to us does not depend upon our faithfulness to you, for often we have failed to follow your leadership. We have sown seeds of war, not peace; we have spoken words of anger, not love; we have failed to build bridges with people in our neighborhoods when we should reach out to them in Jesus' name. We repent of these sins and ask your forgiveness. Change our hearts and give us the strength to walk in the ways of reconciliation and peace. We pray this through Christ, our Lord, who showed us how to live this way to your glory. Amen.
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "10,000 REASONS" MONICA WHITEHURST

SECOND GOSPEL READING LUKE 17:11-19, NRSV
On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."