



## Oaklette United Methodist Church

"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."

### Spirit of Truth Ministries

"The Truth' serving the Community"

"The church that walks in truth, and the church that talks in truth."

## July 1, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M. Red, White & Blue Sunday

If you are visiting us today, we welcome you. We are grateful we have found each other. And, if somehow, there is something in you, some still small voice seeking a place to live out your faith, to ask important questions, and to serve beyond yourself, we invite you into our community. For more information about the church or membership, please contact Dr. Tim (see above for contact information) or text him at 757.373.0005. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. Please ask an usher for further assistance and direction to this room. Royal Kid's (a children's church experience) is on summer hiatus until September 9<sup>th</sup>. As the Prelude begins, let us quiet our voices and cell phones as we prepare our hearts and spirits for worship.

[+] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.

Prelude

"Medley"

– Dana Moody

(Acolyte will light the candles during the Prelude.)

Greetings, Announcements, Passing of the Peace, Joys & Concerns and Prayer

(Whenever the risen Jesus appeared to disciples, he said, "Peace be with you." These are Jesus' words we share with one another. Jesus promises to be with us; and greeting each other with a touch reminds us Jesus is present.)

(Please sign and pass the blue Welcome Pads at this time.)

†Choral Introit

"Blessing and Honor"

– Chancel Choir

†A Responsive Prayer for Independence Day

Lay Reader: God of love and mercy You have lavished your creative might on this land, giving us an abundance of natural beauty and resources.

People: Lord, may we always remember that this earth is yours and we are its caretakers. Guide us that we may use what you have given us with care and thanksgiving.

Lay Reader: God of love and mercy You shower us with mercy not condemnation, with love not hate, with acceptance not fear.

### PARTNER'S IN MINISTRY TODAY

Members of the Church

Acolyte: Jerome Dickinson

Nursery Care Providers: Calvin & Linda Gallop

Lay Reader: Brenda Swoope

Organist: Dana Moody

Audio-Visual Operator: Ericka Litten

Greeters: Circle of Love

Prayer Partner: Barbara Bennett

Lay Leader: Don Moody

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett

Rev. Tyrone Armstrong

Administrative Assistant: Eileen Ballance

Financial Secretary: Edna Bess

Elizabeth River Dist. Superintendent: Rev. Wayne Snead

Resident Bishop, Richmond Area: Rev. Sharma D. Lewis

**People:** Lord, may we always remember that justice is more than law. Give us the wisdom to see injustice disguised as "protection," and the courage and knowledge to challenge such laws.

**Lay Reader:** God of love and mercy You have blessed this land of ours with more riches than most of the world can comprehend, and with an energy and vitality that can produce wonders and marvels.

**People:** Lord, may we always act to share our wealth, taking the gifts you have given us to the world, reaching out to friend and foe, alike.

**Lay Reader:** God of love and mercy You have blessed this land, making it a great and wonderful place to live and work and play.

**All:** Instill in us the humility which comes from the knowledge that we have done nothing to deserve the blessings we have. Sensitize us to the dignity of all people that we may respect their individuality of culture and spirituality. Lead us to understand their needs within the context of their lives. Supply us with the wisdom to assist them without imposing our customs upon them. Continue to direct and enlighten us that we may be servants to the world and all peoples. We ask this in Jesus' name, who is God yet servant to us all. Amen.

†Hymn "America the Beautiful" #696  
*(Acolytes will light the candles during the Prelude)*

#### The Presentation of Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory Anthem "Our God Reigns on High" – Chancel Choir  
Duet – Monica Whitehurst & Julian Baker

#### †Doxology #95

#### †Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for our present abundance and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon this community. We thank you for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for the assurance of your love. May all these gifts be a blessing to those in need. Amen.

#### Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 10:4–6

*(After the scripture is read, the leader will say: "This is the Word of God for the people of God..."*

*And the people shall respond: "Thanks be to God!")*

Sermon "Wax In and Wax Out" – Rev. Tyrone Armstrong

†Hymn "This Is My Song" #437

#### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*(As the music begins you are invited to come forward to receive the elements. Those desiring to commit themselves to the way of discipleship may kneel at the rail for prayer after they have received communion.*

*Baskets have been placed in the front to receive your CAP offering.)*

†Hymn "God of the Ages" #698

#### †Benediction (in unison)

God of fireworks and good works, bless us this day as we go from this place. May our celebrations be joyous and memorable. And may our service to others reflect your love and peace. Amen.

†Choral Response "Amen" – Chancel Choir

†Postlude "A Mighty Fortress is our God" – Dana Moody



#### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 10:4–6 (King James Version)

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.