



## 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."

### July 21, 2024

## Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



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 flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by Ann and Jimmy Lee in honor of Jimmy Lee and Scott McDonald on their birthdays.

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



### PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

Members of the Church

Nursery Care Providers: Nancy Helsel & Lisa Ryno

Organist/Director of Music: Dana Moody

Prayer Partner: Brenda Swoope

Audio-Visual Operator – Julian Baker

Facebook Live Recorder: Bright Tsevi

Greeter: Joanne Rooks

Pastor: Rev. Ned Alderman

Administrative Assistant: Eileen Ballance

Financial Secretary: Edna Bess

Coastal Virginia Dist. Superintendent: Rev. Beth Givens

Resident Bishop, Richmond Area: Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

### 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

Genesis 12:1-3

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

### PRELUDE

"Sinfonia"

Dana Moody

### MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

### OPENING PRAYER\* (in unison)

Most loving God, we thank you that time and time again you reach out to us with the promise of eternal life. You continually made covenants with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, David and Covenant for us today by giving your Son Jesus for each one of us. Give us the strength and faith to lean on your promises to bring us closer to you. Amen

### HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

#374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your judgment. For our sake, and the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways that lead to glory. Amen.**

Please join me in praying the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

### 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.**

### ANTHEM

**"Be Still My Soul"**

**Chancel Choir**

**Duet – Monica Whitehurst & Julian Baker**

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."

### RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE READING

Lay Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

**"Let's Make a Deal"**

**Don Moody**

### HYMN

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

**#140**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Refrain

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

### BENEDICTION

**Dear God, as we head into a new week, keep us focused on your promises and covenant. Help us to rely on you to hold up our end of the deal. We know that you will give us the faith and confidence to do your work. Thank you for your continued mercy. Amen**

### POSTLUDE

**"March"**

**Dana Moody**