

SERMON

“What Wisdom Wants”

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HYMN

“Holy, Holy”

TFWS #2039

1. Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,
holy holy, holy, holy.
2. Gracious Father, gracious Father, we’re so blest to be your children, gracious Father;
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,
gracious Father, gracious Father.
3. Precious Jesus, precious Jesus, we’re so glad that you’ve redeemed us, precious Jesus,
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,
precious Jesus, precious Jesus.
4. Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.
5. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah;
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,
hallelujah, hallelujah!

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Whoever wants to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Now this is the catholic faith, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God without confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another; but there is one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, all equal in glory and eternal in majesty.

It is necessary that one also believe faithfully that our Lord Jesus Christ became human. For this is the true faith, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and human: God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and human, born in the world from the being of his mother, perfect God and perfect human, with a rational soul and a human body.

For just as soul and body are one in a human being, so God and human are one in Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended to the dead, rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty and will come to judge the living and the dead. At whose coming, all shall rise with their bodies to give account of their own deeds. Those who have done what is good will enter eternal life. This is the catholic faith.

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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.



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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."

Trinity Sunday
June 15, 2025



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

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.

OPENING GOSPEL READING John 16:12-15 [NRSV]

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

PRELUDE “O For a Thousand Tongues” with DANA MOODY
“Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises”

PASSING OF THE PEACE
MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 8 (responsively)

Lay Reader: O LORD, our Sovereign,
People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Lay Reader: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants
People: you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Lay Reader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

People: the moon and the stars that you have established;

Lay Reader: what are humans that you are mindful of them,

People: mortals that you care for them?

Lay Reader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God

People: and crowned them with glory and honor.

Lay Reader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

People: you have put all things under their feet,

Lay Reader: all sheep and oxen,

People: and also the beasts of the field,

Lay Reader: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

People: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Lay Reader: O LORD, our Sovereign,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

OPENING PRAYER

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries you entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. Amen.

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HYMN	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	#64
	1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee, Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!	
	2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which, wert, and art, and evermore shall be.	
	3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.	
	4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.	

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Lay Reader: By Faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God. Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

People: Triune God, within your own life, there is mutuality, equality, and unity in diversity. Though we are made in your image, we confess that we distort the triune life. Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good, we seek our own gain. Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect, we construct systems that are unjust. We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others, and disrespectful thoughts, actions, and words still surface in us. We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness.

Holy God, forgive us. Restore in us, and in our life together, the divine image you intend. Make us tender in mutuality. Make us generous in equality. Make us grateful in diversity. We pray to one with you and one another through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lay Reader: Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ. Because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor and to work for the reconciliation of the world.

People: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

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Together, may we pray 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 “The Shepherd” CHANCEL CHOIR

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 [CEB]

Doesn’t Wisdom cry out and Understanding shout? Atop the heights along the path, at the crossroads she takes her stand. By the gate before the city, at the entrances she shouts: I cry out to you, people;

The Lord created me at the beginning of his way, before his deeds long in the past. I was formed in ancient times, at the beginning, before the earth was. When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs flowing with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; before God made the earth and the fields or the first of the dry land.

I was there when he established the heavens, when he marked out the horizon on the deep sea, when he thickened the clouds above, when he secured the fountains of the deep, when he set a limit for the sea, so the water couldn’t go beyond his command, when he marked out the earth’s foundations. I was beside him as a master of crafts. I was having fun, smiling before him all the time, frolicking with his inhabited earth and delighting in the human race.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Out of the abundance of God’s own life, we have received the abundance of God’s creation, God’s word, and God’s love. Why, then, should we live as though we are threatened with scarcity? Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given, with joyous and glad abandon.

OFFERING PRAYER

Majestic and holy God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen, we bring these gifts in awe of Your glory revealed in the heavens and here among us. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect your wisdom and share your love, building a world that proclaims your majesty. Through your Spirit, pour your grace into our lives, that our service may mirror the love You have shown us in Christ, lifting our voices with creation to declare, “How majestic is Your name in all the earth!” In the name of the Holy Trinity, we pray. Amen.

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.

HYMN **”Praise the Source of Faith and Learning TFWS 2004 vv.1, 2, 4**

1. Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.
2. God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art
and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.
- 4.As two currents in a river fight each other’s undertow
till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source.

BENEDICTION

Go, now, in the blessing of the Triune God who creates all things, redeems all things, and sustains all things so that we may live out the glory of God’s abundance and peace with one another and all creation. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2024.

POSTLUDE

“God Leads Us Along”

DANA MOODY

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.*



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