



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 must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. 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 Tim and Lori Hazlett in honor of Bob Robinson in appreciation for leading worship today.

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

### PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

#### Members of the Church

Nursery Care Providers: Jane Basnight & Linda Tandy

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*Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Crying Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and direction to these rooms.*

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

### PRELUDE

**"Adagio"**

**- Dana Moody**

### THE MORNING WELCOME

**- Rev. Bob Robinson**

### CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Ruler of all nations, you have dominion over all the earth. We praise your name and bow down before you. You bring pride to the humble and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through your mercy; the comfortable you challenge and chasten. As your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of your love, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

### †OPENING HYMN

**"Fairest Lord Jesus"**

**#189**

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

## A LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

- Rev. Bob Robinson

One: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**Many: If we love one another, God abides in us.**

One: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent Jesus Christ into the world.

**Many: If we love one another, God abides in us.**

One: If this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loves us and sent Jesus to be the expiation for our sins.

**Many: If we love one another, God abides in us**

One: Beloved, if God loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**Many: If we love one another, God abides in us and God's love is perfected in us.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

**SOLO "I Won't Have to Worry Anymore" - Monica Whitehurst**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Holy One, prepare us to receive your word. As we listen in faith and hope, open our souls to your freedom. Free us from the chains that confine us, that we may hear the promise of your love and respond with love. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

- John 15:1-12 (NRSV)

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become<sup>[c]</sup> my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

## SERMON

- Rev. Bob Robinson

## †HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O How I Love Jesus"

# 170

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

*Refrain*

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus  
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

*Refrain*

3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

*Refrain*

## †CLOSING PRAYER (responsively)

Lay Reader: Gracious and Loving God, let us remain connected to you. As we abide in you, will you abide in us, so that we might bear much good fruit and be conduits for your love in our homes, our communities, and our world.

People: Amen.

## †CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Amen"

- Chancel Choir

## †POSTLUDE

"Great is the Lord"

- Dana Moody