

We remember those who have come to their eternal rest; help us to comfort those who grieve their loss.

We lift up to you the prayers we hold secretly, for we know that you know all things.

[Moment of silence]

All these things we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Long, Kim; Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: 2 (pp. 239-2400). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.

HYMN

“I Surrender All”

#354

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now.

Refrain

3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine.

Refrain

4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain

5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name!

Refrain

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Lord has blessed us richly. Let us give cheerfully what we have for the upkeep and uplift of God's kingdom.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, whose compassion knows no bounds, we offer these gifts as a reflection of our love and gratitude. Just as the widow gave all she had, may we also give sacrificially, trusting in your provision. Use these offerings to further your kingdom, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Bless our giving, that it may glorify your name and extend your grace to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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."

November 10, 2024

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

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

Mark 12:28-34 [NRSV]

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself' – this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

PRELUDE

“This is My Father's World“

DANA MOODY

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Lay Reader: Children of God, take a deep breath. Breathe in the goodness of God's abundance all around you.

People: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

Lay Reader: Think of all the things our society calls abundance. Ever-growing bank accounts, possessions galore, status and notoriety – what are these things compared to God’s abundance?

People: God’s abundance is enough for all that we need.

Lay Reader: God’s abundance notices the poor, the downtrodden, those whose labor and unmet needs fill the coffers of corporations and those who are wealthy beyond measure.

People: God’s abundance is enough for all that we need.

Lay Reader: How, then, will you offer yourself up to God? Like the Pharisees or the widow?

People: We will give as people who trust in God’s provision, because God’s abundance is enough for all that we need.

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

OPENING PRAYER (ALL)

All praise to you, most holy and gracious God! You have set us free from fear and filled us with good things. You surprise us with your grace and give us all we need. Even when we lose sight of your ways, you pull us back to you and overwhelm us all over again, reminding us of your power, your compassion, and your justice. All praise to you, our triune God, now and forever. Amen.

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HYMN

“Spirit Song”

#347

1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name.

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Lay Reader: Let us confess our sins to the one who sacrificed for us and waits in mercy to forgive.

People: Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lay Reader: Christ, who is our high priest, made himself a sacrifice once and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, be reconciled to God, sin no more, and do all things for the glory of God.

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

“A Perfect Heart”

CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44 [NRSV]

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

SERMON

“One Gave All”

Rev. Ned Alderman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Loving God, you never leave us alone, nor fail to watch out for our well-being, restoring us and providing for us. Because you are faithful, we come to you now to make our petitions known to you.

We pray for the church and its leaders; may we continue to be living witnesses for you.

We pray for the global community; enable us to serve those in need and work for peace.

We pray for all those who are cheated and abused; help us be advocates for the powerless, that we might enact godly justice.

We pray for those who suffer; make us agents of your restoration and healing.

We pray for your creation; make us good stewards, that many generations will know the goodness of your gifts.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

“Lord, Be Glorified”

TFWS #2150

1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

SENDING FORTH

Beloved, go from this place blessed by God who provides everything we need, who teaches us to notice the needs of our neighbors, and who inspires us to live in God’s abundance as we share with one another. Amen.

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GOING FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE

POSTLUDE

“Sinfonia in B Flat”

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

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



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