

HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

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1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Seeing the bounty that God has made for our good use, let us give now our tithes and offerings for the sake of the church and the poor.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, bless our offerings with healing that comes from your work and our hands. We give with joy and thanks for what we have, in the name of Jesus, our great high priest. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

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.



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."

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday



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

Isaiah 25:6-9 [NIV]

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

PRELUDE

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee“

DANA MOODY

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Lay Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times,

People: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

Lay Reader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

People: let the humble hear and be glad.

Lay Reader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: let us exalt God's name together!

OPENING PRAYER (ALL)

God who restores, who heals, who makes us whole, open your eyes to our work around us. Be in our praying, in our singing, in our proclamation, and in our silence. Open our eyes to see your kingdom coming into the world. Amen.

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HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Lay Reader: Let us confess our sins to God, who alone has the power to save and waits in mercy to forgive.

People: Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lay Reader: People of God, the Lord hears, forgives, and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another and walk humbly before 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

“Restore My Soul”

CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52 [NRSV]

Then they came to Jericho. As he and his disciples, and a large crowd, were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON

“Jesus Stops”

Rev. Ned Alderman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We believe: the poor in spirit are blessed,

And theirs is the kingdom of heaven;

Those who mourn are blessed,

And they will be comforted;

The meek are blessed,

And they will inherit the earth;

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed,

And they will be filled;

The merciful are blessed,

And they will receive mercy;

The pure in heart are blessed,

And they will see God;

The peacemakers are blessed,

And they will be called children of God;

Those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake are blessed,

And theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We believe we are blessed when people revile us and persecute us and falsely utter all kinds of evil against us because of Jesus Christ.

We shall rejoice and be glad, for our reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before us. Amen.

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HYMN

“Father, We Have Heard You Calling”

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1. Father, we have heard you calling to your church in every age;
for a sign of true devotion for a sacrifice of praise
In this place where you have brought us, may we always seek to be
one in love and one in worship – children of eternity.
2. Jesus Christ, our faith’s perfecter, priest and advocate above.
We would reach our broken nation with the truth of your great love.
So transform our feeble witness, may we always thirst to be
One in love and one in worship – children of eternity.

3. Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, fall upon us here today.
Bring release, bring tears, bring passion, then transform your church, we pray,
As you pour your grace upon us, may we always thirst to be
One in love and one in worship – children of eternity.

4. Praise we bring to God the Father, praise we bring to God the Son,
Praise to God the Holy Spirit, praise to you, the three in one.
Trinity of love inspire us, may we always strive to be
One in love and one in worship – children of eternity.

SENDING FORTH (responsively)

In Jesus

all wrongs are made right.

In Christ

all hurts find healing.

In our Lord

all hearts find home.

In the Son of God

all people know hope.

Go and serve in the name of Jesus!

We go to serve the Christ!

GOING FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE

POSTLUDE

“Elevation”

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 by Chip Payette, in memory of his father, Al Payette.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God by Barbara and Jack Buchanan in honor of their son, Curtis William Buchanan, for his birthday on October 17th.



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