

daily lives, striving to build a community rich in the Spirit of God in which to nurture them. Amen.

### The Presentation of Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory Anthem "Till the Storm Passes By" – Chancel Choir

†Doxology #95

†Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Generous God, you have withheld no good gift from us, graciously pouring out your love, mercy, faithfulness, joy and peace. Thank you for giving us all that truly matters. In humble gratitude we offer back the fruits of our labor, but more importantly, we offer you our hearts. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

†Hymn "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" #509

Scripture Lesson Mark 4:35–41 (NRSV)

*(After the scripture is read, the leader will say: "This is the Word of God for the people of God..."  
And the people shall respond: "Thanks be to God!")*

Sermon "Name Your Hurricane" – Dr. Tim Hazlett

†Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #396

†Benediction (responsively)

Lay Reader: Where is Jesus when the typhoon of devastating illness hits?  
Where is Jesus when the lightning strike of a loved one's death leaves us in shock? Where is God when the waves of death, destruction, and doubt threaten to sink us? Where is Jesus in the midst of these storms of life?

People: Jesus is in the boat with us inviting us to turn from fear to faith!

†Choral Response "Grant Us Your Love" – Chancel Choir

†Postlude "He is Worthy of Praise" – Dana Moody



## 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."

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### June 24, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M. Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*If you are visiting us today, we welcome you. We are grateful we have found each other. And, if somehow, there is something in you, some still small voice seeking a place to live out your faith, to ask important questions, and to serve beyond yourself, we invite you into our community. For more information about the church or membership, please contact Dr. Tim (see above for contact information) or text him at 757.373.0005. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. Please ask an usher for further assistance and direction to this room. Royal Kid's (a children's church experience) is on summer hiatus until September 9<sup>th</sup>. As the Prelude begins, let us quiet our voices and cell phones as we prepare our hearts and spirits for worship.*

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

Prelude "Softly and Tenderly" – Dana Moody

*(Acolyte will light the candles during the Prelude.)*

Passing of the Peace, Greetings, Announcements, Joys & Concerns and Prayer

*(Whenever the risen Jesus appeared to disciples, he said, "Peace be with you." These are Jesus' words we share with one another. Jesus promises to be with us; and greeting each other with a touch reminds us Jesus is present.)  
(Please sign and pass the blue Welcome Pads at this time.)*

†Choral Introit "Open Our Eyes, Lord" – Chancel Choir

†Call to Worship (responsively)

Lay Reader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

People: What have we to fear?

Lay Reader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

People: Of who shall we be afraid?

Lay Reader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

People: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us.

†Hymn

“When the Storms of Life Surround Me”

*[Sung to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #400]*

When the storms of life surround me, And the world seems dark and cold,

When the rain beats down upon me, And the lightning stabs my soul,

I cry out to my Savior, “Lord, help me, lest I die!

Do You care not that the billows Push my boat toward the shoal?”

When the raging winds and tempest, And the noxious clouds of sin,

Whirl around me like an army, And my faith is wearing thin,

In a whispering distant thunder, Comes a voice like morning calm:

“Fear not, I am with you ever, Till the world shall see its end.

“I command the winds of heaven, And the lightning does My will,

I who walked upon the waters, And who bid the storm be still.

I seek not your destruction, But to strengthen and make pure;

Keep your faith in Me, believing I My promises fulfill.”

He is greater than the thunder, He is mightier than the storm;

He extends His hand to lift me, And protect my soul from harm.

He will see me safe to harbor, To the haven of my rest,

Sheltered by the Rock of Ages, Held in His almighty arm.

The Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Lay Reader: Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives.

People:

Today and all days we will strive to place our trust in you O God. We pray this and all our prayers in the name of the One who taught us to pray... [The Lord’s Prayer #895]

A Celebration of Baptism (responsively)

Pastor:

Baptism is a moment in the Christian community when we celebrate and recognize the grace of God at work and alive...  
... John and Tish, I ask you now to affirm your covenant with God and with your children.

Parents:

*We acknowledge Darby’s and Grayson’s need for nurture in a Christian community of caring and concerned people, that they may explore the dynamics of a God who created and loves them.*

Pastor:

As you make this covenant, I ask you:...

... as they grow into their own acceptance of God’s grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life.

Parents:

*We will.*

Pastor:

Darby and Grayson, your parents have just affirmed a covenant with God and before these people to continue to bring you both into the life of the Christian community to worship, to hear the story of the roots of our faith, to be called into response to the gospel, and to be in relationship with other believers as you grow into your own acceptance of God’s grace, to profess your faith openly, and to lead a Christian life. Do you agree to work with your parents in this endeavor?

Children:

**We will.**

Pastor:

Now I ask this congregation, what will be your part in helping these children discover the grace of God within them?

Church:

**We promise to give these parents our support as they live with their children in the pathways of Christ. We offer ourselves, whenever the opportunity allows it, to take Darby and Grayson and all baptized persons into our love, our prayers, and our**

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Mark 4:35–41 (New Revised Standard Version)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

### PARTNER'S IN MINISTRY TODAY

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*Sincere sympathy is extended to Helene Haluska on the passing of her mother, Sara Willis.*