

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 66:13b (The Message)

“As a mother comforts her child, so I’ll comfort you.
You will be comforted in Jerusalem.”



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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Mother’s Day

*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 offered for children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Children will be directed to leave during the singing of the first hymn. **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 “God is Love” – Dana Moody
(Acolytes will light the candles during the Prelude)

†Choral Introit “Your Love Compels Me” – Chancel Choir

†Call to Worship (in unison)

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need. Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.

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

(Please sign and pass the blue Welcome Pads at this time.)

(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.)

†Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #139

PARTNER’S IN MINISTRY TODAY

Members of the Church

Acolyte: Arte Jones

Nursery Care Providers: Calvin & Linda Gallop

Lay Reader: Debbie Rippard

Organist: Dana Moody

Audio-Visual Operator: Danny Castellow

Greeters: Circle of Joy

Prayer Partner: Brenda Swoope

Lay Leader: Don Moody

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett

Administrative Assistant: Eileen Ballance

Financial Secretary: Edna Bess

Elizabeth River Dist. Superintendent: Rev. Wayne Snead

Resident Bishop, Richmond Area: Rev. Sharma D. Lewis

The Morning Prayer (responsively)

Lay Reader: God with a mother's heart, you gather us as your children.

People: You comfort and hold us in your warm embrace.

Lay Reader: When we hurt, your arms enfold us.

People: When we are afraid, your wings protect us.

Lay Reader: When we are hungry, you feed us with the bread of life.

People: God with a mother's heart, your love surrounds and supports us,

Lay Reader: In good times and in tough,

People: In the midst of joy and pain,

Lay Reader: You will never leave nor abandon us.

People: God eternal and loving one, God with a mother's heart, we thank you this day, for being a part of your family. We pray this and all our prayers in the name of the One who taught us to pray...
[The Lord's Prayer #895]

An Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

We believe in God, the maker of all things,
source of all life and Mother of all children.
Our life is in God, and in God we are one with all beings.

We follow Jesus, the Christ, the Revealer of God,
who taught us to love,
who gave us courage to trust God's grace,
and who bid us to take up our cross and follow him.
In his life and ministry and his death and resurrection,
he has shown us that in losing our lives we find them.
He who was crucified is the Lord of the Universe.

We rely upon the power and presence of the Holy Spirit,
the communion of saints,
the unity of the church,
the forgiveness of sin,
the resurrection of the body,
and the reality of eternal life.

Therefore we devote ourselves to disciplined practice
of the Way of Jesus in our daily lives,
so that we may grow in faithfulness,
and serve God in humble, confident love
for the sake of the healing of the world.

Choral Anthem "With All My Heart" – Chancel Choir

The Presentation of Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory "The Power of Your Love" – Dana Moody

†Doxology #95

†Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

In gratitude for the work of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we gladly offer ourselves and our gifts to you, O Lord. We pray that you will transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use. And, transform us into people who bless others throughout each day. Amen.

†Hymn "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" #509

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 66:13b (MSG)

(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 "A Mother's Comfort" – Dr. Tim Hazlett

†Hymn "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" #581

†Benediction (in unison)

O Wisdom Divine, just as you inspired the mothers of our faith, grant us your knowledge and discernment so that we can learn how to be clever in our compassion and courageous in our faith, through Christ and in the Spirit. Amen.

†Choral Response "May the Grace of Christ" – Chancel Choir

†Postlude "Bourree" – Dana Moody