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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
5th Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selena Bennett

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Leader: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing.

People: **Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his.
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him,
and bless his name.

People: **For the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness
to all generations."**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

#84 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Isaiah 56:6-7)

“Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked abandon their ways and the evil, their thoughts. Let them return to the Lord, so that he may have mercy on them; and to our God, who is rich in forgiveness.” Let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 1:18)

“‘Come now and let us discuss this,’ says the Lord. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow. Though they be as red as crimson, they shall become as white as wool.’”
By God’s great mercy, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS The Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword bringer of the way you took and gave.

You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory, beggars by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant; you who are both gift and cost.
You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.
Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory; worthy, still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1-11 (pew Bible p.770)

SERMON "Acts 29" Pastor Bob Bardin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN Today We Are Called to Be Disciples #434 (Blue)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Go now in peace.

Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

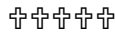
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen

*POSTLUDE

(*Please stand as you are able)



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult & Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship Communion

The Worship Committee is pleased to announce **the reopening of the nursery** effective Easter Sunday, March 31. It will serve children infancy to age 4. The nursery will be available during the 11 am traditional service and the 10 am summer service. 2 volunteers will staff the nursery each Sunday. Volunteers should be in place no later than 10:45 am (traditional) or 9:45 am (summer) to greet and receive children. Parents must complete a registration form for each child so that volunteers have access to pertinent information. The church will not provide snacks. Parents are asked to provide any supplies deemed necessary for their child (ren), such as bottle/sippy cup, diapers, wipes, and so forth. Children should be picked up promptly after the service. Many thanks to those who have volunteered for the nursery. Additional volunteers would be appreciated since two are required each Sunday. Volunteers will receive schedules with further instructions in the near future. A copy of the Nursery Guidelines and Procedures will be provided to parents and volunteers. Please direct questions to any member of the Worship Committee.

One Great Hour of Sharing (offering will be collected Mar. 24 & Mar. 31) Syria: a place of humanitarian and economic crisis as well as ongoing hostilities. I, Bernadette, am a longtime school supervisor. My husband works and makes less than I do. We support our son enrolled in his final year at the Faculty of Computer Engineering. We also support our brother, 72, who suffers from diabetes and a recent leg amputation. Due to the Sept. earthquake our apartment has cracks. In the apartment above us, 5 pillars are cracked. We can not afford to move.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Wimberly Raynor, (Sue Godwin's daughter-in-law, thyroid surgery)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Jean Honeycutt, (friend/neighbor of Ann Kennedy, cancer/chemo/surgery)
- Brenda Hicks, (friend of Charlotte Price, leukemia)
- Rudy Hooks– UTI and heart issues
- Maxine Summerlin– fainting episodes
- Brenda Schroeder– AFib
- Vanessa, (kindergarten student, brain tumor)
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister, liver and bone cancer)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Dr. Hervy Kornegay
- Ralph Hollingsworth

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin for the durations listed above. Please let us know as prayers are answered, so we can celebrate with you; or as needs change, so we know how best to pray with and for you. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Pastor Bob.

Church Mission Statement

Called together by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Mount Olive Presbyterian Church is committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all people, to nurturing Christian discipleship, and to serving the world in the name of Christ.

