

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 2023

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

GATHERING MUSIC Aria pour Saxophone alto et Piano E. Bozza
Bill Ford, Alto Saxophone

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ralph Schroeder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (John 15: 12-17)

Leader: Jesus said, "This is my command: Love each other as I have loved you. The greatest love a person can show is to die for his friends.

People: **We are his friends if we do what he commands us.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I heard from my Father".

People: **We did not choose him. He chose us. And he gave us this work to do: to go and produce fruit, fruit that will last.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name."

People: **This is his command to us: Love each other.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:32-37; Acts 5:1-11 (pew Bible p. 772, 773)

SERMON "One Love, One Heart.....Let's Get Together and Feel Alright"
Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love #367 (Blue)

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Heidelberg Catechism," *Book of Confessions*, PCUSA

Q. 9. But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

A. **No, God created human beings with the ability to keep the law.
They, however, provoked by the devil,
in willful disobedience,
robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.**

Gen. 1:31; Eph. 4:24; Gen. 3:13; John 8:44; Gen. 3:6; Rom. 5:12, 18, 19

Q. 10. Does God permit such disobedience to go unpunished?

A. **Certainly not.
God is terribly angry
with the sin we are born with
as well as the sins we personally commit**

**As a just judge,
God will punish them now and in eternity**

having declared

**“Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey
all the things written in the book of the law.”**

Ex. 34:7; Ps. 5:4-6; Nah. 1:2; Rom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6; Heb. 9:27; Gal. 3:10; Deut. 27:26

Q. 11. But isn't God also merciful?

A. **God is certainly merciful
but also just.**

God's justice demands

**that sin, committed against his supreme majesty,
be punished with the supreme penalty—
eternal punishment of body and soul.**

Ex. 34:6-7; Ps. 103:8-9; Ex. 34:7; Deut. 7:9-11; Ps. 5:4-6; Heb. 10:30-31; Matt. 25:35-46

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#438 (Blue)

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	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Session Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00 am	Community Farmers Market
	9:00 am	Girl Scout Troup 389
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
		2 cents a Meal Offering

Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Megan Beth Roberts by Jim and Lynda Roten and Kimber.

Special music time - we would like to thank Bill Ford for sharing his talents with us today.

If **you would like to share your talents** during the anthem time while the choir is taking their break this summer, please see Cathy.

Next Sunday, we will collect the **2 cents a meal Offering** during the Children's Time.

The **Mt. Olive Community Farmers Market sponsored by MOPC** is being held on Saturdays through October from 8 am - 12 pm in MOPC's parking lot. Come out and see the wide variety of products offered by local farmers and businesses.

Attendance June 18—54

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Virginia Matthews, (Megan Kornegay's mom, hip replacement complications)
- Peggy Barwick, blood pressure issues
- Lynda Roten, tibial plateau fracture

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Wesley Parker, cancer treatments
- Sonny Cain's father, heart issues
- Terry Walton- (Cathy Price's step-daughter, heart issues)
- Brenda Schroeder, knee issues
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Harvey Dail, April 22
- Aubrey Blizzard, Feb. 17

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- 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 and e-newsletter 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

