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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (we invite all students and teachers to come forward)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.

People: **God is our hope and our trust.**

All: **Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!**

*HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

#155 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is compassionate and merciful. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. This gives us confidence to approach God and seek his forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

God of Life, We confess that we are a divided people. We foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage, praise and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God promises forgiveness and the strength we need to amend our lives. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Give thanks that we have been set free to live the resurrected life of faith.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 1 (pew Bible pages 383, 384)

*HYMN My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #379 (Blue)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Ruth 1:1-16 (pew Bible pages 187, 188)

SERMON "Of Calls and Responses" Rev. Diane Knauf

TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER 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

LITURGY OF PARTING

Clerk of Session: On February 14, 2021, Rev. Diane began her service here at Mount Olive Presbyterian Church. Today her call comes to an end.

People: We express our gratitude for your time among us and accept the fact that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We ask your forgiveness for mistakes we have made and for expectations left unmet. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Pastor: I thank the members and friends of Mount Olive Presbyterian Church for the love, kindness, and support shown to me during my ministry here. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted and for the good things we have been able to accomplish together. I ask forgiveness for mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Clerk: Do you, the members and friends of Mount Olive Presbyterian Church, release Diane from service as your pastor?

People: We do, with thanks to God.

Clerk: Do you, Diane, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

Pastor: I do, with thanks to God.

Clerk: God, we thank you for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Diane in worship, in learning, in service, and in Christian living. We pray that she and Drew will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as they move to a new place in faithful response to your leading.

All: God, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. Guide us as we hold onto cherished memories. Help us to move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

#540 (Blue)

*DEPARTING IN GRATITUDE: *there are offering plates on either side of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and offerings.*

*BLESSING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD (unison)

We honor you, O gracious God. Accept our gifts of time, talent, treasure and prayer as signs of our obedience to you, our love for you and our desire to take your reign into the world. Go with us wherever we go, that we might do your will and your work to the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord #535 (Blue)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.
Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*



Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Clark Dail and in honor and appreciation of Diane and Drew Knauf as she begins her new call of service to God's people by Lynn Dail.

Congregational Meeting today after worship: to vote to dissolve the call between MOPC and Rev. Diane as she prepares to take a call to a church in South Carolina.

This Week's Activities

Today	10:00 am	Worship Congregational Meeting Fellowship Luncheon
Tuesday	8:00am	Walking Club
Wednesday	6:45am	Men's Group
Thursday	3:45pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00am	Farmer's Market
Sunday	10:00am	Worship

Fellowship Luncheon in honor of Rev. Diane following the Congregational Meeting today. Join us as we say goodbye to Rev. Diane.

The Outreach Committee has decided to extend the Farmer's Market on Saturdays through Oct. 29, 8 am-11 am.

A thank you note from Helping Hands Ministries to the Outreach Committee/MOPC:

Helping Hands United Mission Ministries truly thanks each of you for your support. We want you to know that your charitable donation is very much appreciated, and will definitely benefit our program. We pray God will continue to bless you for your exceptional generosity during these crisis times.

Sincerely,

Lula Newkirk

Helping Hands Ministries

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Pete Sargent and Kaitlyn Edwards and celebrating Sienna Elizabeth Sargent, Sunday, Sept. 11 from 2 pm– 4 pm in the MOPC Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target, Walmart, and Amazon.

A Back to School Prayer

God, bless our children, and the parents who make them pose
for pictures before the first day of school. Bless all our children,

climbing on school buses,
backpacks heavy with hope,
anxious for acceptance,
needy for nurturing.

Bless our children, who aren't as innocent as we'd like;
our children for whom active shooter drills are routine and
thoughts and prayers aren't enough.

God, bless our parents, who have
laughed, played, traveled, mediated, intervened, fed and nurtured
all ... summer ... long
parents who are ready
and not-so ready
for summer days to end and school to resume.

Bless our parents who
pack backpacks, make lunches, create schedules and to-do lists
for toddlers and teenagers difficult to get out the morning door.

Bless them with patience –
grace for themselves and their children.

Bless them with long memories of
these days
that pass too quickly
when not noticed.

God, bless our teachers, school administrators and support staff –
those to whom we entrust our children all year long.

Bless them with appreciation for their invaluable work.
Bless them with needed supplies they don't have to pay for out of pocket.
Bless them with new year excitement, toothy grins, and students who love to learn.
Bless them with the kind of joy that comes when you know you are meeting society's needs through your
chosen profession.

Gather us, O God, around our children, parents, teachers and school staff as this new school year begins.
Anoint us with your grace, fill us with your love, inspire us for your service. Bless us as a community, guided
by your Spirit, called to care for and nurture the young, for the sake of their future, and ours. Amen.

By Teri McDowell Ott, editor and publisher of Presbyterian Outlook .

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Sherry Smith, hernia surgery
- Carl and Frances Rivenbark, (recent Covid and other health issues)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Corporal Logan Cox and Deputy Ramon Torres, (Wayne County Deputies wounded in the line of duty.)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, treatment for colon cancer)
- Sonny Cain's father, beginning treatments for prostate cancer.
- J. B. Price (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, continuing medical issues.)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, lymphoma and chemotherapy)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Mitzi Leshner-Thomas (brain tumor)
- Lee Sargent (radiation treatment)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Sgt. Matthew Fishman, Aug. 2 (Wayne County Deputy killed in the line of duty)
- Pat Blann, July 11 (Janet Kennedy's sister)
- Jim Holland, July 8

Praise and Celebration

Taylor and Mollianne K. Raynor announce the birth of a son, Woods Kennedy Raynor, on Aug. 9. Congratulations to the great grandparents, Lynwood and Ann Kennedy.

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Mary Kelly
- 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.