

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 9, 2023**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Bayles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 14:12-14)

Leader: "Jesus said, 'When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.

**People: Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'"** All are welcome in this place.

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

#469 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silent before him! Let us confess our sins together 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 (unison)

**Before the throne of God  
mercy is great  
grace is free  
pardon is multiplied.  
By God's great mercy, we are forgiven**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS      The Gloria Patri      #579 (Blue)

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN      Pastor Bob Bardin

If I Were a Butterfly

1. If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings. If I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing.  
If I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee, but I just thank you, Father, for making me — Me.

CHORUS

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile, you gave me Jesus and you made me your child,

And I just thank you, Father, for making me — Me!

2. If I were an elephant, I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk. If I were a kangaroo, you know I'd hop right up to you.

If I were an octopus, I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks, but I just thank you, Father, for making me — me.

Repeat CHORUS

ANTHEM

I Danced in the Morning

Lisa Dismore, Clarinet

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 6: 1-7

(pew Bible p. 774, 775)

SERMON

"Food Fight"

Pastor Bob Bardin

\*HYMN

When We Are Living

#400 (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. 12. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity; how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**A. God requires that his justice be satisfied.  
Therefore, the claims of this justice  
must be paid in full  
either by ourselves or by another.**

Ex. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11; Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4

Q. 13. Can we make this payment ourselves?

**A. Certainly not.  
Actually, we increase our debt every day.**

Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5

Q. 14. Can another creature—any at all—  
pay this debt for us?

**A. No.  
To begin with,  
God will not punish any other creature  
for what a human is guilty of.  
Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight  
of God's eternal wrath against sin  
and deliver others from it.**

Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18; Ps. 49:7-9; 130:3

Q. 15. What kind of mediator and deliverer  
should we look for then?

**A. One who is a true and righteous human,  
yet more powerful than all creatures,  
that is, one who is also true God.**

Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17; Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21;  
Heb. 7:26; Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1

## SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

**Go now in peace.**

**Never be afraid**

Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

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.)

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**This Week's Activities**

Today	10:00 am	Worship
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
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship

The **SGNC Committee** will meet today immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Special music time** - we would like to thank Lisa Dismore for sharing her talents with us today.

Upcoming July Music Specials

July 16 - Anna Kornegay, Piano

Lynn Williams, Solo

July 23- Katherine Wolfe, Solo

July 30 - Grace Webster, Dance

Hymn Sing

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

**Summer Vespers 2023 at the Creek** Join Lisa Dismore and friends at Sleepy Creek on Thursday evenings at 6 pm this summer at the Chapel beginning June 22. We will experience contemplative prayer practices (from over the centuries). These simple practices are intended to help strengthen your relationship with God and one another. Dating back to the early 300's AD and the early church, these practices have been a source of encouragement for many Christians over the centuries. If you haven't experienced contemplative prayer, then come join in and try something new.

Directions from MOPC church: left on Breazeale. Follow 117 Alt. N to Dudley. At light, turn right onto Sleepy Creek Rd. 4.9 miles turn right on Sleepy Creek Club Rd. Cross dam. Left onto Coral Drive. Chapel on the left.

**Attendance** July 2 - 85

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

- Eddie Best, (Brenda Schroeder's brother, aneurysm— UNC Rex)
- Lorraine Kornegay, cancer

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

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

### 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.