

Graduation Sunday

Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3



Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 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 (from John 10: 22-28)

Leader: "Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade.

People: **The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."**

Leader: Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my Sheep.

People: **My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

314 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come before the throne of God. Mercy there is great. Grace is free. Pardon is multiplied. Let us confess our sins to 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 (1 Peter 2: 24-25) unison

“Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right. And you are healed because of his wounds. You were like sheep that wandered away, but now you have come back to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” By God’s great mercy, our sins are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

The Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

Sarah Beth Sargent, Cathryn Jones and Carter Jones

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

My Jesus, as Thou wilt

C.M. von Weber

Mary Ann Wright, Alice Adams, Keith Wright

My Jesus, as Thou wilt! O may Thy will be mine! Into Thy hand of love I would my all resign.
Through sorrow or through joy, Conduct me as Thine own; And help me still to say, "My Lord, Thy will be done."

My Jesus, as Thou wilt! Though seen through many a tear, Let not my star of hope Grow dim or disappear.
Since Thou on earth hast wept, And sorrowed oft alone, If I must weep with Thee, My Lord, Thy will be done.

My Jesus, as Thou wilt! All shall be well for me; Each changing future scene I gladly trust with Thee.
Straight to my home above I travel calmly on, And sing, in life or death, "My Lord, Thy will be done."

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3: 1-26; 4:1-4

(pew Bible page 772)

SERMON

"At the Beautiful Gate; Giving What We Have" Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

#302 (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, Part I: Misery

Q. 3. "How do you come to know your misery?"

A. The law of God tells me.*

*Romans 3:20, 7:7-25

Q. 4. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37-40:

**'You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the first and greatest commandment.**

And the second is like it:

**'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' *
On these two commandments hang all the law
and prophets.**

**Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18*

Q. 5. Can you live up to all this perfectly?

A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.**

**Rom. 3:9-20, 23; 1 John 1:8, 10 2 Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7:23-24; 8:7; Eph. 2:1-3; Titus 3:3*

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

464 (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
	11:00 am	Fellowship Luncheon
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
	6:00 pm	Service Circle @ Alma Mooring's
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

Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of the graduates by Kitsie and Major Jones.

Today is the second and last Sunday of collecting the **Pentecost Offering**. If giving by check please make payable to MOPC and enter "Pentecost offering" on the memo line.

We are having a **Fellowship Luncheon** today immediately following worship. Fried chicken will be provided. A basket will be available for donations to help with the cost of the chicken. We hope everyone will join us for a time of fellowship as we honor our graduates.

The Service Circle is having a salad dinner at the home of Alma Mooring Tuesday, June 13th at 6 pm. Please bring a salad. (meat and dessert will be furnished) RSVP to Frances Sykes (919 922 3522) today, June 11th. All women are invited.

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

Altar Flowers—Because of rising prices, the cost of a floral arrangement from Front Porch Florist **has increased to \$80 effective immediately.** While this remains an option, the Session and the Worship Committee would like to remind you of less expensive options such as greenery/flowers from your own yard, a potted plant, small nursery plants grouped in a basket, or cut flowers (sold at local retailers) arranged in a vase. Your floral donations are greatly appreciated whether you choose the florist or another option. Please continue to sign up on the flower list in the office area. The church office will contact you for bulletin information. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or the red Finance box near the mailboxes in the office area.

We would like to thank **our choir and Cathy Mason** for their commitment to providing beautiful music each week. They are an integral part of our worship services and the choir is just taking a breather for the summer. They will begin rehearsals again in September and welcome anyone to join our choir family.

Our **June offerings during special music time** - we would like to thank these people for sharing their talents.

June 4 Ralph Schroeder

June 11 Trio - Mary Ann Wright, Alice Adams, Keith Wright

June 18 MOPC Choir

June 25 Bill Ford

Mt. Olive Community Farmers Market sponsored by MOPC has resumed on Saturdays from 8 am - 12 pm in the parking lot of MOPC. It runs June through October. The market features products from small businesses and farmers in the local Mt. Olive community. Come out and see the large selection of fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies and handmade items!

Attendance June 4—69

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Lynda Roten, knee injury

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.