

Happy
Father's
Day!

The righteous who walks in
his integrity - blessed are his
children after him!

Proverbs 20:7, ESV

Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2023

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Boyd

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 5: 1-11)

Leader: "When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a hill and sat down. His followers came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "They are blessed who realize their spiritual poverty, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

People: **They are blessed who grieve, for God will comfort them.**

Leader: They are blessed who are humble, for the whole earth will be theirs.

People: **They are blessed who hunger and thirst after justice, for they will be satisfied.**

Leader: They are blessed who show mercy to others, for God will show mercy to them.

People: **They are blessed whose thoughts are pure, for they will see God.**

Leader: They are blessed who work for peace, for they will be called God's children.

People: **They are blessed who are persecuted for doing good, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.**

Leader: People will insult you and hurt you. They will lie and say all kinds of evil things about you because you follow me. But when they do, you will be blessed.

People: **Rejoice and be glad, because you have a great reward waiting for you in heaven.”**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

#315 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (James 5:16)

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” Let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

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 Timothy 1: 15-16)) unison

“What I say is true, and you should fully accept it: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst. But I was given mercy so that in me, the worst of all sinners, Christ Jesus could show that he has patience without limit. His patience with me made me an example for those who would believe in him and have life forever.”

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

The Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

TESTIMONY OF FAITH

Laura Faith Graves

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

In an Age of Twisted Values

A. Fedak
MOPC Choir

In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need, In sophisticated language we have justified our greed.

By our struggle for possessions we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and heal our nation;

Your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear. Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.

For communities divided by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and heal our nation;

Show us, Lord, your love and grace.

When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife, when our children are bewildered,
When they lose their way in life, when we fail to give the aged all the care we know they need,
Hear our cry and heal our nation; help us show more love, we plead.

We who hear your word so often choose so rarely to obey. Turn us from our willful wandering;

Give us truth to light our way. In the power of your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;

Hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:5-31

(pew Bible page 773)

SERMON

“Don't Look Now, But Here Comes Trouble”

Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

#297 (Red)

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. 6. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. **No.**

**God created them good and in his own image,
that is, in true righteousness and holiness,
so that they might
truly know God their Creator,
love him with all their heart,
and live with God in eternal happiness
to praise and glorify him.**

Gen. 1:31; Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Ps. 8

Q. 7. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. **The fall and disobedience of our first parents,
Adam and Eve, in Paradise.**

**This fall has so poisoned our nature
that we are all conceived and born
in a sinful condition.**

Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12, 18-19; Ps. 51:5

Q. 8. But are we so corrupt
that we are totally unable to do any good
and inclined toward all evil?

A. **Yes, unless we are born again
by the Spirit of God.**

Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Job 14:4; Isa. 53:6; John 3:3-5

*HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

379 (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
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

Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Adams by Alice Adams.

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

Today MOPC Choir
June 25 Bill Ford

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

Come out and support the **Mt. Olive Community Farmers Market sponsored by MOPC** on Saturdays through October from 8 am - 12 pm in MOPC's parking lot. The market offers locally grown vegetables/fruits, meats, eggs, flowers, homemade goodies and arts and crafts.

Attendance June 11—81

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Peggy Barwick, blood pressure issues
- 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.