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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sept. 17, 2023

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.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 4: 24-30)

Leader: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, a prophet is not accepted in his hometown. But I tell you the truth, there were many widows in Israel during the time of Elijah. It did not rain in Israel for three and one-half years, and there was no food anywhere in the whole country. But Elijah was sent to none of those widows, only to a widow in Zarephath, a town in Sidon.

People: And there were many with skin diseases living in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha. But none of them were healed, only Naaman, who was from the country of Syria."

Leader: When all the people in the synagogue heard these things, they became very angry. They got up, forced Jesus out of town, and took him to the edge of the cliff on which the town was built.

People: They planned to throw him off the edge, but Jesus walked through the crowd and went on his way.

Leader: Let us worship the God who brings outsiders in.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "How often I would have gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks under her wing, but you would not let me." Let us stop our running and yield now to our gatherer.

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 (Ephesians 4:32) unison

"Be kind and compassionate to each other, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has forgiven you." We are forgiven people, so let us also be forgiving people. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

Blessed Assurance

arr. L. Larson

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
 watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the long.
To God be the glory, great things He hath done; so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.
Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus
the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.
This is my story and song, praising my Savior all the day long!

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11: 19-30

(pew Bible p. 780)

SERMON

“Christian”

Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#372 (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

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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
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	11:00 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	Ortberg Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship

Peace and Global Witness Offering It is again time to remind ourselves of the conflict and injustice around the world, even in our own backyard. All we have to do is read or watch the news to know this is true. But there is hope. There can be action. Please consider praying for the ways that systems of conflict and injustice are being addressed worldwide. On Sun, Oct. 1st, you may wish to help the church promote the Peace of Christ by contributing to the special offering.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Susie Cox, (Lynda Roten's sister in law, hip replacement complications)
- Mark Price, (Cathy Price's step son, heart attack)
- Lynn Dail, knee replacement surgery
- Martin Powell, pancreatic cancer

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Brenda Schroeder, knee replacement surgery
- Rudy Hooks, UTI complications
- Joe Giddings, (Barry Giddings' brother, heart and other issues)
- Tracy Draughon, (Dr. Scott Draughon's wife, lung cancer)
- Joyce Coates, (Doug Coates' mother, lung cancer surgery)
- Everett Coates, (Doug Coates' father, kidney dialysis)
- Eddie Best, (Brenda Schroeder's brother, aneurysm)
- Lorraine Kornegay, cancer
- Virginia Matthews, (Megan Kornegay's mom, hip replacement complications)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Danny Johnson, (Lynn Coates's uncle)
- Jason Dail

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.

