

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 20, 2023**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alma Mooring

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Liturgical Dance

Teagan Male & Addison Denning

CALL TO WORSHIP

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen

Leader: "Let us build a house where love can dwell

And all can safely live;

A place where saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive.

**People: Built of hopes and dreams and visions,**

**Rock of faith and vault of grace,**

**Here the love of Christ shall end divisions**

**All are welcome,**

Leader: All are welcome.

**People: All are welcome in this place.**

Leader: Let us worship God."

\*HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

#377 (Blue)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The cross of Jesus stands as a witness that God so loved the world that he died for all. Let us confess that we sometimes forget the “all.”

## 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: 4-7) unison

**“There is one body and one Spirit, and God called you to have one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. There is one God and Father of everything. He rules everything and is everywhere and is in everything. Christ gave each one of us the special gift of grace, showing how generous he is.” Praise God! We are his forgiven people.**

## \*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung in unison)

**“To God be the glory,  
Great things He has 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.  
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 has done!”**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Martin and Gabriel

Duet- Alice Adams & Ralph Schroeder

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,

When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he;

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

REFRAIN: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,

And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;

Though by the path he leads but one step I may see:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

REFRAIN

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,

When song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,

I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

REFRAIN

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:31-10:23

(pew Bible p. 778, 779)

SERMON

"Where Prejudice Goes to Die"

Pastor Bob Bardin

\*HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

#439 (Blue)

## PRAVERS 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 from the "The Confession of 1967", *Book of Confessions*, PCUSA

**"God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess."**

## 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



**This Week's Activities**

Today	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Session meeting
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

**Special music time** -we would like to thank Teagan Male, Addison Denning, Alice Adams and Ralph Schroeder for sharing their talents with us today.

Upcoming special music

Aug. 27 CanaanLand

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

- Brenda Schroeder, knee replacement surgery

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Rudy Hooks, UTI complications
- Joe Giddings, (Barry Giddings' brother, heart and other issues)
- Tracy Draughon, (Dr. Scott Draughon's wife, lung cancer)
- Susie Cox, (Lynda Roten's sister in law, hip replacement surgery)
- 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.

