

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 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 (from Luke 12)

Leader: Jesus said, 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body,
what you will wear.

People: Life is more than food and your body more than clothes.

Leader: Seek first God's kingdom,

People: And these things will be given to you as well.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

#399 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

"As far as east is from west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us." Let us
confess our sins 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 (from Augustine, Bishop of Hippo) unison

**“Trust the past to God’s mercy,
the present to God’s love,
and the future to God’s providence.”
By God’s great mercy, our sins are forgiven.**

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Bob Bardin

*PRAISE 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**

3. If I were a wiggly worm, I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm. If I were a crocodile, I'd thank you, Lord, for my great smile.
If I were a fuzzywuzzy bear, I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzywuzzy hair, but I just thank you Father, for making me — me.
Repeat **CHORUS**

ANTHEM Count On Me Levine, Mars and Lawrence
Katherine Wolfe, Soloist

If you ever find yourself stuck in the middle of the sea I'll sail the world to find you
If you ever find yourself lost in the dark and you can't see I'll be the light to guide you
Chorus: We'll find out what we're made of When we are called to help our friends in need
You can count on me like one, two, three I'll be there
And I know when I need it, I can count on you like four, three, two
And you'll be there 'Cause that's what friends are supposed to do, oh, yeah

If you tossin' and you're turnin' and you just can't fall asleep I'll sing a song beside you
And if you ever forget how much you really mean to me Every day I will remind you, oh
Chorus

You'll always have my shoulder when you cry I'll never let go, never say goodbye
You know
Chorus

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 8: 1-25 (pew Bible p. 776, 777)

SERMON "Power and Pain" Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee #357 (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 (Please stand as you are able) 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	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 memory of Joyce and Glenn Sloan on what would have been their upcoming 70th anniversary by Becky Sloan.

Special music time - we would like to thank Katherine Wolfe for sharing her talent with us today.

Upcoming July Music Specials

July 30 - Grace Webster, Dance

Hymn Sing

We would also like to thank:

Wendy Ford for her beautiful art work in posters for If I Were A Butterfly!

Lynn Williams, Mary Ann Wright and Charlotte Price for helping to lead singing in If I Were A Butterfly!

Pastor Bob for being a human easel in If I Were A Butterfly!

The congregation for singing with spirit and gusto in If I Were A Butterfly!

A **Red Cross Blood Drive** in memory of Clark Dail will be held at the Town Depot, 110 West Main St., Mount Olive on Tuesday, July 25th from 1 pm to 6:30 pm. Chase Teal, Clark's granddaughter, is spearheading this drive for her senior thesis at the University of South Carolina.

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. 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- 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)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

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

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

Celebration/Praise

- Paul and Megan Kornegay and Anna announce the birth of a son and brother, Cooper Paul, on Friday, July 14.

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.

