

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

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

What a Wonderful World

B. Thiele & G. Weiss
Bill Ford, saxophone

CALL TO WORSHIP (by Lauren Hunter)

Leader: Whatever it takes—
No matter what comes,
Though I might doubt,
Even if I may run.

**People: Whatever it takes—
To prioritize,
I will shift all my dreams,
And reorganize.**

Leader: Whatever it takes—
To follow your will,
I'm listening in,
I'm being still.

People: Whatever it takes–
Even if things get hard,
Tripping and falling,
Winding up scarred.

Leader: Whatever it takes–
To trust your plan,
Moment by moment,
Help me understand.

People: Whatever it takes–
When my head hangs low,
I'll come back to your Word,
I won't let go.

Leader: Whatever it takes–
To renew my faith,
To stay the course,
To plead my case.

People: Whatever it takes–
You are the way,
Jesus, please guide me,
Right now, and always.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#417 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

“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

“When anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The past is finished. All things become new.” By God’s mercy, through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM Sacred Waters J. Martin
Bill Ford, flute

There is a well-spring, a fount of blessing, splashing with promise, flowing with life.
All who are seeking, all who are thirsty, draw from the well that will never run dry.
There is a clear pool, a source of wonders, a home for mercy, a healing place.
All who are weary, all who are wounded, plunge in the water that’s dancing with grace.
Come to the water. Come be restored. Drink from the fountain. Thirst no more.
Jesus is reaching. Jesus is teaching. Love overflowing, faith ever-growing,
Come, know the goodness of the Lord.
There is a river, a crystal river, deep with forgiveness, rippling with grace.
Wade in the water. Wash in the waves. God stirs the water in marvelous ways.
Come to the water. Come be restored. Drink from the fountain. Thirst no more.
Jesus is reaching. Jesus is teaching. Love overflowing, faith ever-growing,
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WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-36 pew Bible p. 749

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

*HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

379 (Blue)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ 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
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day

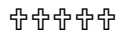
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

You've Got a Friend

C. King
Bill Ford, saxophone

*(*Please stand as you are able.)*



The **altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Bob Bardin. Thank you for all of the love you have shown our congregation. We love you.

This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	12:15 pm	Reception for Bob Bardin
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:00 am	MOPC Parking and Cookbook Sale
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult & Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

Thank you to Bill Ford for sharing his talent with us today.

The congregation is invited to a **reception honoring Pastor Bob** immediately following worship today. We will share a time of fellowship and thank Pastor Bob for his service to MOPC. Please join us.

We are offering free **parking in our parking lot again next Saturday** during the Pickle Festival. *Please sign up to work on the sign up sheet on the bulletin table and also bring water to the church so that we will have enough to pass out.* (Put the water in the hallway beside the Serendipity classroom.)

Presbyterian Cooks: Then and Now cookbooks will be on sale in MOPC's parking lot next Saturday during the Pickle Festival for \$20. They make excellent gifts!

Worship Attendance: April 14- 63

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Bobby and Rebecca Herring– car accident, serious injuries
- Ann Kennedy– stent placed
- Pastor Bob Bardin—heart concerns

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Maxine Summerlin– broken wrist surgery
- Betty Lou Kornegay–shoulder surgery
- Wimberly Raynor, (Sue Godwin’s daughter-in-law, thyroid surgery)
- Jean Honeycutt, (friend/neighbor of Ann Kennedy, cancer/chemo/surgery)
- Brenda Hicks, (friend of Charlotte Price, leukemia)
- Brenda Schroeder– AFib
- Vanessa, (kindergarten student, brain tumor)
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles’ sister, liver and bone cancer)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Calvin Rouse, (Jeremy Rouse’s paternal grandfather)

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- 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 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