

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
4th Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 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

Leader: God has set this day before us,

**People: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

Leader: God has set our lives before us,

**People: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

Leader: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**People: So that we might live fully in deep love.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#171 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Please pray with me as we confess our faults and failings to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; Open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (unison)

Who is in a position to condemn, to blame? Only Christ, And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ advocates for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS      Gloria Patri      #579 (Blue)

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN      Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM      Trust in the Lord      Beall and Carter  
Bill Ford, flute

**Refrain:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, and He will direct your paths.

Fear the Lord, fear the Lord, and turn your face from evil.

Fear the Lord, fear the Lord, and He will heal your soul. **Refrain**

Honor the Lord, honor the Lord, there is wisdom in all His ways.

Honor the Lord, honor the Lord, your reward is better than gold. **Refrain**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, for He founded the earth and the sky.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Inherit His glory and grace. **Refrain**

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*GOSPEL READING                      John 4: 5-30, 39-42                      (pew Bible pages 752, 753)

SERMON                                      "I Am"                                      Pastor Bob Bardin

\*HYMN                                      We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight                      #399 (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.

\*HYMN                                      I Want Jesus to Walk With Me                      #363 (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	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	6:00pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

**Easter lilies are available.** The Plant Farm informed us earlier this week that they will be able to supply lilies to our church after all. The price is \$15 per lily. Order forms are included in the bulletin today. The flower can be given “in memory of” or “in honor of” someone. Forms will be in the bulletin again next Sunday. The order forms are needed **no later than next Sunday, March 26.** You may drop your order form and check into the offering plate or leave in the AFP red box near the mailboxes in the office area of the fellowship hall.

**College “Thinking of you” boxes** – The Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care Committee would like to send “thinking of you” boxes to our college students. Our committee appreciates any goodies, such as homemade cookies and candies, chips in cans, post-it notes, highlighters, etc., that you can contribute to help fill the boxes. A bin will be in the fellowship hall to place your items. We plan to pack the boxes on Saturday, April 1 at 10:30 so please have your items to the church by Wednesday, March 29. There are 10 boxes to be prepared. Thank you for your support in helping to prepare these boxes just in time for exams.



Care Packages

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

- Brenda Schroeder, pacemaker installed

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Carl Warren, (uncle of Cathy Mason, hospice)
- Sonny Cain's father, (heart issues)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)

### Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- 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.

## 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.

