

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**March 5, 2023**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Sykes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Genesis 12, *Steadfast Love*, D. Randall)

Leader: A generous God gave us our voices, no two the same.

**People: As God did with Abraham and Sarah,  
he takes and touches our lives... and they can become extraordinary.**

Leader: And in the body of Christ, the Church, God has gathered us,

**People: in a community of common folk and complainers, prophets and puzzled  
people, God has called us and made a place for us.**

Leader: So let what we say and do here,

**People: what we ponder and decide here,**

Leader: be real for us and honest to God,

**People: and prepare us for the life of the world in which God is praised.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Psalm 32: 7-8 *The Message*)

“Don’t be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track. God-defiers are always in trouble; God-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around.” Let us, together, confess our God-defiance:

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 (Romans 8: 1-2, CEV) unison

**“If you belong to Christ Jesus, you won’t be punished. The Holy Spirit will give you life that comes from Christ Jesus and will set you free from sin and death.” By God’s great mercy, we are a forgiven people.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

In the Silence of This Moment

arr. D. Wagner

In the silence of this moment in the quiet of this place,  
Lord, your people come before you, kneeling at your throne of grace.

Bread of heaven, heal our spirits, bring us comfort, hope, and love.  
With the wheat and grape as tokens, bind us to your home above.  
With the whole of all our being, we will worship and give praise.  
Fill our lives with goodly purpose, be with us through all our days.  
Bread of heaven heal our spirits, bring us comfort, hope, and love.  
With the wheat and grape as tokens, Bind us to your home above.  
In the silence of this moment, in the quiet of this space,  
Be with us, Lord.

### WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Genesis 12: 1-4a      (pew Bible page 8)

\*GOSPEL READING      John 3: 1-17      (pew Bible pages 751, 752)

SERMON      "Newborn"      Pastor Bob Bardin

\*HYMN      Womb of Life, and Source of Being      pages 6, 7 (bulletin)

### 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#383 (Blue)

### SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord #535 (Blue)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.  
Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

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

# 40 Womb of Life, and Source of Being

1 Womb of life, and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry  
 2 Word in flesh, our bro - ther Je - sus, born to bring us  
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,  
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fath - er, Spir - it,

rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have  
 sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing  
 be our friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we  
 On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, one - in -

loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er  
 weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man  
 are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us, aid the  
 three, and three - in - one. We would share your life, your

'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing sto - ries,  
 strug - gles, Life of Life, and Death of Death, ris - en Christ, come  
 birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of ser - vant,  
 pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er sing - ing,

tears, and laugh-ter, we are nur-tured by your care.  
 stand a-mong us, send the Spir-it by your breath.  
 lord, and mas-ter, free for love and u-ni-ty.  
 ev-er prais-ing, one with all, and one with you.

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**This Week's Activities**

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	6:00 pm	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

Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour next Sunday as **Daylight Saving Time** begins.

The **Service Circle** will meet at 7 pm on March 14th at Lynn Dail's home.

**Worship Attendance:** Feb. 26th—68

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

- Carl Warren, (uncle of Cathy Mason, hospice)

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Brenda Schroeder, heart and knee issues
- Vennie Jordan (mother of Selena Bennett, surgery to repair/replace hardware from previous surgery)
- 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
- Shelton Blanton, Jan. 18

### 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.