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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Glory to God: A service of song and scripture
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Wright

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verse 1 only)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

People: **and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

People: **his faithfulness continues through all generations**

*HYMN #1 (in packet) “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (Verses 1-2)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the presence of the Lord, Isaiah cried: Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” Let us come to God, confessing our sins and seeking forgiveness and healing as we read the Prayer of Confession in unison, as it is found in your bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by your Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength you give us to trust in you all the days of our lives. Amen.

HYMN #438 (in packet) Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (Verses 1-3)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE: #447 We Are Forgiven

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God*

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 119:97-105 (pew Bible pages 438, 439)

HYMN #458 (in packet) Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:16-17 (pew Bible pages 752)

*HYMN #462 (in packet) I Love to Tell the Story

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR PRAYER: HYMN #472 (in packet) Kum Ba Yah

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 #260 (in packet) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the United Church of Canada's Song of Faith (2006).

**We sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.**

**The Spirit challenges us to
celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.**

**We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

**Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world**

HYMN #695 (in packet)

Change My Heart, O God

(sing twice)

SENT TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE

*DEPARTING IN GRATITUDE: *there are offering plates on either side of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and offerings.*

BLESSING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD:

HYMN #708 (in packet) We Give Thee But Thine Own

*DOXOLOGY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (adapted from a prayer of St. Patrick, c. 390-461 AD.)

Leader: I arise today

People: Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism,

Leader: Through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial,

People: Through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension,

Leader: Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

People: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down.

Leader: Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,

Christ in the eye that sees me,

Christ in the ear that hears me.

All: I arise today!

SUNG RESPONSE #853 Siyahamba: We Are Marching in the Light of God

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe.

We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

*Please stand as you are able.

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Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Anderson by Margaret Anderson and family.

This Week's Activities

Today	10:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	8:00am	Walking Club
Wednesday	6:45am	Men's Group
Thursday	3:45pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00am	Farmer's Market
Sunday	10:00am	Worship

UPCOMING Change in Sunday Worship Start Time: The Session approved returning the start of worship to 11 am. This change will begin on Sunday, September 11.

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Pete Sargent and Kaitlyn Edwards and celebrating Sienna Elizabeth Sargent, Sunday, Sept. 11 from 2 pm– 4 pm in the MOPC Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target, Walmart, and Amazon.

The Farmer's Market will continue every Saturday, 8 am– 11 am, through Oct. 29 in the parking lot here at MOPC.

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful goodbye celebration last Sunday. The reception following worship, with its delicious food and good fellowship, meant so much to me, Drew and Alex. We appreciated having the chance for final hugs, laughter and good wishes. I'm grateful to the work of our SGNC committee who always put on a beautiful reception. Thank you as well for the very generous gift presented to me at the reception. It was not necessary but is very appreciated, and is just another reminder of the warm and giving nature of this congregation.

Also, on Tuesday morning, the 10 am Bible study gathered so we could say not "goodbye" but "grace and peace to you" after the example of the Apostle Paul. I'm grateful for the comradery and laughter shared with this spiritually mature group, and for the very thoughtful gift they presented to me. The Tuesday Bible study is worth attending for many reasons, and I hope you will consider doing so, even if you don't typically participate in Bible studies.

My portrait will be added to the hall outside the pastor's office. I'm honored to be included with such distinguished and well-loved pastors and will always be grateful that you called me to serve as your pastor. I've so enjoyed my time with you all: leading, learning, laughing, serving and together dreaming about the future. This coming season will be one of change but I am confident that God goes before you.

We are blessed that the church office will continue to run smoothly in the capable hands of Cindy Jarman. Our Personnel team will be keeping in close contact with her and elder John Sykes has agreed to be her "supervisor" in the interim period. Cindy is part-time so please be mindful of that, and continue to support her in any way you can.

Know that while I can no longer be your pastor, we can remain Christian friends and brothers and sisters. Though I know saying goodbye to Pastor Steven was much more difficult, you and he have set a good model that I will strive to follow. It's important to allow time and distance to lessen the ties between us so that you will be prepared to welcome your next pastor. Please know I will continue to pray for your well-being and for the well-being of Mount Olive Presbyterian Church and the community.

God's peace and blessings be with you all. With gratitude, Rev. Diane

The beautiful bench outside the Education Building near the Serendipity Sunday School room was graciously given to the church by Rev. Diane. It will be a great place to sit and talk with a friend, wait for someone or just rest.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Sherry Smith, hernia surgery
- Carl and Frances Rivenbark, (recent Covid and other health issues)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Corporal Logan Cox and Deputy Ramon Torres, (Wayne County Deputies wounded in the line of duty.)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, treatment for colon cancer)
- Sonny Cain's father, beginning treatments for prostate cancer.
- J. B. Price (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, continuing medical issues.)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, lymphoma and chemotherapy)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Mitzi Leshner-Thomas (brain tumor)
- Lee Sargent (radiation treatment)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Sgt. Matthew Fishman, Aug. 2 (Wayne County Deputy killed in the line of duty)
- Pat Blann, July 11 (Janet Kennedy's sister)
- Jim Holland, July 8

Praise and Celebration

Taylor and Mollianne K. Raynor announce the birth of a son, Woods Kennedy Raynor, on Aug. 9. Congratulations to the great grandparents, Lynwood and Ann Kennedy.

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Mary Kelly
- 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.