

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2020
8:30 & 11:00 am

Welcome...We are so glad you have joined us for worship. This morning we are continuing our “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” series based on the life of Fred Rogers and the movie “It’s A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood.” We are considering how our call from God invites us to live differently. How does being a child of God inform how we are a neighbor? How do we interact with the “neighbors” in our lives? Take a moment and ponder the lyrics of “The Servant Song” hymn number 2222 in The Faith We Sing as you prepare to worship.

Please take a moment to sign in and register your attendance today with the cards found in the pew rack, or online at mountolivetumc.com.

CHIME CALL TO WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY
Trumpet Tune on AURELLA, Hymn #545 (Michael Helman)
~ Dr. Steven K. Shaner, organ

*HYMN #545: The Church’s One Foundation AURELIA

*GATHERING LITANY
Happy are those who walk in God’s ways.

Blessed are those who observe God’s commandments.
Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.
Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.
Come, let us love the Lord our God.
We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY
God of blessing,
you call us to be one with you and your creation
in love, faithfulness, and truth.
Help us to carry out the vows we make:
to adore you with our whole heart,
to live in mutual support of one another,
and to love as if your reign has fully come. Amen.

ANTHEM
Ubi Caritas from Quatre Motets, Op. 10 (sung in Latin) (Maurice Duruflé)
~ The Mount Olivet Choir
Where there is charity and love, God is there.
Love brings us together in one Christ.
We therefore rejoice in it.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And from the heart let us devote ourselves with sincerity.
Where there is charity and love, God is there. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:
Loving God,
anoint us with your Holy Spirit,
as we hear your Word this day.
Fill us with your truth
that we may walk in the ways of God
and to the glory of your realm. Amen.

SCRIPTURE:
Psalm 119: 1-8 ~ Page 840-841, UM Hymnal
(Response 3 sung, verses recited)
Matthew 5: 21-37 ~ Page 4 in N.T. section of the pew Bible

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S SHARING
[After Children’s Sharing at the 11:00 service, children age 3 – Kindergarten will go upstairs to Room U4 and children in grades 1-5 will go upstairs to Room U7 for Belief Builders]

SERMON
*HYMN #2222 (TFWS): The Servant Song THE SERVANT SONG

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;
we have turned our hearts away from you.
Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism,
disorders our love of you and each other.
Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken,
that we may be one with you.
Amen.
Sisters and brothers,
by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Sing praises with an upright heart,
as we learn the ways of God.
Praise be to God, from whom all blessings flow.

*SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(The congregation responds to each petition of “Lord, in your mercy,” with:
“Hear our prayer.”)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING
The Church’s One Foundation, Hymn #545 (Charles Callahan)
~ Dr. Steven K. Shaner, organ

*DOXOLOGY #95 OLD 100th SM
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN #568: Christ for the World We Sing ITALIAN HYMN

*BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION
O Gracious Light (Michael John Trotta)
~ The Mount Olivet Choir

VOLUNTARY
Introduction and Chorale on AURELIA, Hymn #545 (Robert Hobby)
~ Dr. Steven K. Shaner, organ
[You are welcome to be seated or come to the choir area during the Voluntary]
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Sign-Up

Wednesday Night Dinner,

(Wednesday, February 19, 5:30 pm).

Sign me up!

On the menu: Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Braised Vegetables, Kid’s Pasta, Dessert.

Name: _____

Email: _____

____ Number of Adult Meals

____ Number of Kid Meals



Congregational Prayers



For Healing:

For those battling cancer: Nancy Hanna, Kate Heavner, Michael Griggs, Joel Miller, Doug French, Patricia Reed, Carolyn Moore-Kochlacs, Carol Dommissie, Nick, Ed Desmond, Anne Wetmore, Christina Hershey, Amar Gill, Sara Beth Howard, Jack Kauflin, Reneé Michel, Ed Desmond, Anne Bailey, Linda Heinrichs, Meredith, Kathe Traynham, Carolyn Brooks, Laura Borak, Amanda McCormick.

- ◆ For **Cindy Newcomb**, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ For **Loretta Cochran**, Cindy Newcomb's mother, who is recuperating from a fractured femur.
- ◆ For **Bonnie Fowler**, who is recovering from surgery on her femur.
- ◆ In Thanksgiving for the health of **Kay Dake**, five years after surgery for brain cancer.

Sympathy

- ◆ For the **family and friends of Davis Hays**, who died last week.

Prayers for the World:

- ◆ For the more than 43,000 people, mostly in China, who have been diagnosed with symptoms of the corona virus. We pray for the families of the more than 1,000 Chinese people who have already died from being infected by the virus.
- ◆ For the 109 U.S. service members who have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries in the wake of the January 8 Iranian missile attack on the al Asad military base in Iraq.
- ◆ For hungry people in East Africa as massive swarms of locusts sweeping across much of east Africa have reached Uganda and Tanzania, threatening millions more people with hunger in an already fragile region.
- ◆ For the people affected by Storm Ciara which battered the U.K. and northern Europe with hurricane-force winds topping 100 miles per hour and heavy rains last week.
- ◆ For the families of the 15 people killed when a wooden fishing boat carrying 130 Rohingya capsized. More than 40 people are still unaccounted for but 71 people were rescued.
- ◆ For the employees of Under Armour, who may be laid off if the corona virus outbreak in China continues to limit imports from China.
- ◆ For the World Health Organization which reports progress is being made in combating the Ebola epidemic in the conflict-ridden North Kivu and Ituri provinces in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- ◆ For peace, economic justice and environmental justice around the world.

To activate our prayer chain, please contact Carmen Clipper at carmenstewartclipper@gmail.com

Participants in Today's Worship Services:

Preacher: Linnea Carlson

Liturgists: Jim Maxstadt (8:30); Debby Fairweather (11:00)

Acolytes: Becky Wilson (11:00)

Children's Sharing: Heather Weir (8:30, 11:00)

Choirmaster/Organist: Dr. Steven K. Shaner

Choirs: The Mount Olivet Choir

We seek to be an
inclusive, life-changing
community
compelled by the
Holy Spirit
to offer
Christ's LOVE
to the world
The Mount Olivet Vision Statement

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church is committed to loving God and loving neighbor with our whole selves—heart, mind, soul, and strength. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation, as demonstrated by the ministry of Jesus Christ. We therefore welcome all persons into the life and ministry of our congregation regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, education, politics, physical or mental ability or health, or faith history.

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While worshipping here today it is our hope that you will. . .

Sign in and register your attendance on either the members/friends or guests/visitors cards found in the pew rack or online at mountolivetumc.com.

Feel free to use the nursery and childcare, located on the main level to the left of the sanctuary. You will be given a pager for your infants and/or toddlers.

Ask an usher for a large print bulletin, a large print hymnal and/or an assisted listening device.

Join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Gathering Space following worship.

Please stand, as able, for those acts of worship marked with an asterisk*.

Words in **bold type** indicate a congregational response with God and each other.

Need a ride to church? We are happy to provide transportation. Please call the church office by noon on Wednesday.

If you have any questions, speak to someone with an "Ask Me" ribbon or visit our Information Wall in the Gathering Space.

Mount Olivet records and live streams its 8:30 worship service on the internet so that those beyond our walls are able to worship with us. While the camera's frame is restricted to the chancel area, if you are sensitive to this, the pews in the rear and balcony of the Sanctuary are the least likely to be in the camera's frame; or you may wish to attend the 11:00 worship service.

Mount Olivet is a "green" church, please recycle your bulletin.

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WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR

