

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

Organized 1874
Mount Olive, North Carolina



Worship on the Lord's Day
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017

Welcome

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"*

Psalm 122:1 NRSV

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CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Robin McSwain

Prelude

Bringing the Light of God into the Church and Remembering Our Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you love justice and hate oppression; you call us to righteousness and not to exploitation. Give us generous and loving hearts and eyes to see the splendor of your reign, that we may live in truth and honor, and praise you for the transformation of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***Choral Introit**

His Name Is Life

Hymn 114 (Red)

His name is Master, Savior, Lion of Judah, Blessed Prince of Peace.

Shepherd, Fortress, Rock of Salvation, Lamb of God is He.

Son of David, King of the Ages, Eternal Life, Holy Lord of Glory, His name is Life.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The LORD has delivered us from slavery;

People: there is no other god but the LORD.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 262 (Blue)**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

Prayer of Confession: (*In Unison*)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. (*Pause for a moment of silent reflection and personal confession.*) **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Response of Praise Spirit of the Living God Hymn 247 (Red)**

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 35)

Genesis 45:1-15 (NIV)

Anthem

Alleluia, Praise the Lord

WALKER AND SCHRAM

Scripture Reading (page 35)

Genesis 45:16-28 (NIV)

Gospel Reading (page 698)

Matthew 21:33-40 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

***Hymn 276 (Blue)**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Sermon

"God's Magnificent Providence"

Sentence of Scripture

Genesis 45:8 (NIV)

"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt."

CALLED TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CALLED TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Hymn 339 (Blue)

Be Thou My Vision!

SLANE

*Taking the Light of God into the World

*Charge and Benediction (invites all who are able to stand)

Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has a purpose in you being there.

Christ who indwells you has something he wants to do through you where you are!

Believe it and go in the grace and power and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

(Rev. Richard C. Halverson, D.D., US Senate Chaplain Feb. 1981-Dec. 1994)

*Congregational Choral Response

Music composed by Dr. Carl Ashley

May the Lord, mighty God bless and keep you forever.

By His grace and His might help you in every endeavor.

Long may His grace be kind to you, may it fail you never.

May the Lord, mighty God bless you and keep you forever.

Postlude

(* Invites all who are able to stand)



Large Print & Children's Activity Bulletins... are available every week, in two age groups, featuring one of the readings or Gospel relevant to today's service. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

Altar Flowers this week... are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of Steven & Alice Wicks (43rd) and Ernie & Marybeth Taylor (4th).

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Families affected by Las Vegas Shooting, Pamela Bean (shingles), Pete Sargent (concussion), Linda Stutts (heart issues, cousin of Maxine Summerlin), Laura Gwathmey (induced birth of baby boy on 10/5, Steven's niece in Norfolk), Powell family (90 yr old aunt of Connie Graham), Lynn Williams (surgery on 10/11), Phyllis Sargent (Lee's stepmom).

WELCOME TO EVERYONE

A hearty welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a guest, we extend a special welcome and request that you fill out a guest card located in the pew registration booklet. There is a guest pack titled "Welcome Home" on the tables at the back of the sanctuary that we would like you to have.

We believe in the power of prayer and invite prayer requests using the green cards. We trust everyone finds the worship service uplifting and hopeful. We are delighted that we could all worship together today.