

# The Morning Worship

Liturgist  
Pastor Bakken

**The Prelude** *Amazing Grace* - - - - - Dale Wood

**The Processional Hymn** - - - - - **834:1, 3, 4**  
*(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

## The Invocation

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation: Amen.** *(Please sing)*

## The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

**Pastor:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Congregation: Amen.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Congregation:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.** *(Please sing)*

**The Hymn of Praise** - - - - - **733:1, 2**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

### Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

## The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.  
**Congregation: And also with you.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor and Congregation:** Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.** *(Please sing)*

*(Please be seated)*

**The Epistle** - - - - - **Romans 8:12-25** *(page 919)*

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

**The Gradual Hymn** - - - - - **754:1, 4**

Jesus, the very thought of you  
fills us with sweet delight;  
but sweeter far your face to view  
and rest within your light.

O Jesus, be our joy today;  
help us to prize your love;  
grant us at last to hear you say:  
"Come, share my home above."

*(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**The Gospel** - - - - - **Matthew 13:24-30** *(page 794)*

*Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgement will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

*(After the reading, please sing)*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## The Anthem

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow* traditional  
Billy Johnson and Angie Gislason

## The Welcome

## The Offertory

*Standing on the Promises* traditional  
Billy Johnson and Angie Gislason

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**The Offertory Prayer**

*(Please be seated)*

**The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - 689:1, 4**

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

**The Sermon** **Pastor MacLean**  
*"Living with the Weeds"*

**The Baptismal Service** *(held during the 11am service)*

*(Please stand as you are able and sing)*

**The Closing Hymn - - - - - 550:1**

On what has now been sown  
your blessing, Lord, bestow;  
the pow'r is yours alone  
to make it sprout and grow.  
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,  
and yours alone shall be the praise!

**The Lord's Prayer - - - - - Page 112**

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

*(The congregation is asked to pause for a moment of silent prayer)*

**The Postlude** *Toccata in Seven - - - - - John Rutter*

*Please be so kind as to leave your bulletin at the end of the pew  
or place in the recycle bin as you leave. Thank you.*

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Director of Worship & Music, *Beverly Clafin*  
Principal Organist, *Richard Owen*

**Welcome Guests**

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence and prayers. A pastor will be available in the lounge to greet you following the service. If you have any questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, please come to the Information Desk in the Narthex. Large print bulletins and hearing devices available at the Information Desk located in the Narthex.

**Baptisms**

Margaret Elizabeth Burleson, daughter of Camille and Peter; Evelyn Marion Jaster, daughter of Katherine and Dane; and Henrik Michael Danielson, son of Jenny and Alec; will be received into the fellowship of Christ and His Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today.

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Nancy Persian, and Nancy and Gary's parents, given by Gary Persian.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Cynthia and Lois Evans, given by the Evans family.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Shirley Lund on the anniversary of her birthday, given by her family.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in loving memory of Merle Shult on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his wife, Wanda, and family.

The flowers by the communion rail on the lectern side are in loving memory of Hayes S. McCallum on their wedding anniversary, given by his wife, Marcia McCallum.

If you would like to donate Sunday morning altar flowers in loving memory or in honor of someone you know, please contact Mary Lindberg, 612-767-2200/maryl@mtolivet.org. Orders are appreciated two weeks in advance of your desired date. The cost is \$50.00.

**Next Sunday**

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10 and 11am. Pastor Lose will be preaching on "Nothing!" Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am. Nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years at 9 and 10am.

# The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 23, 2017

**PASTORS**

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor  
Kurt P. Kalland                      Stephen J. Cornils  
Monica M. Hammersten              Andrew M. Bakken  
William B. MacLean