

The Morning Worship

Liturgists
9:00am *Pastor Ruud*
10:00am *Pastor Helgen*
11:00am *Pastor MacLean*
12noon *Pastor Hammersten*

The Prelude *Grand Choeur Dialogue* - - - - - Eugène Gigout
Brass Quintet

The Processional Hymn

(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.

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 Litany of Gratitude & Giving

Pastor: The Lord God created us to be in relationship with each other,
supporting each other through care and generosity.

Congregation: Weave us together into a tapestry of love, O God, that
we may share joyfully with others what you have given us.

Pastor: In Christ, we have been given the richest treasures of wisdom,
knowledge, and grace.

Congregation: Weave us together into a tapestry of love, O God, that
we may reflect your goodness and generosity in our words and deeds.

The Stewardship Hymn of Praise - - - - - 836:1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Pastor and Congregation:
Dear God, grant us the wisdom to know your will and the courage to
do it. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(Please sing)*

(Please be seated)

The First Reading - - - - - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (page 933)

God gives us many distinct gifts that can work together to build the Church.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 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*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Mark 8:27-38 (page 820)

Peter confesses Jesus as Messiah but doesn't understand what that means.

(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

9:00 and 10:00 *Psalm 139* - - - - - Allen Pote
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 *Honor and Glory from Magnificat in D* - - J. S. Bach
Senior Choir

The Welcome

The Offertory

9:00 and 10:00 *Be Thou My Vision*- - - - - Alice Parker
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 *I Am Not My Own* - - - - - Craig Courtney
Senior Choir

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Offertory Prayer

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.

(Please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - 652:1

Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

The Sermon Pastor Lose

“The Crucial Question”

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 537:1

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

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 *Amazing Grace* - - - - - J. Christopher Pardini

*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.*

Director of Worship & Music, *Beverly Claflin*
Principal Organist, *Richard Owen*
Director of Senior & Cathedral Choirs, *Beverly Claflin*

Welcome Guests

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence. 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Molly Borgeson, given by her family.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Paul M. Youngdahl, given by his wife, Nancy Youngdahl, and family.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Dorothy Pedersen for her birthday, given by her daughter and son-in-law, Mari and Richard Carlson.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in honor of our parents, Larry and Paulette Gustin on their 50th wedding anniversary, given by their two sons, daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.

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, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Ruud will be preaching. Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. At 9, 10, and 11am, there will be Sunday School for three-year-olds through 6th graders and nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years-old.

Rally Sunday September 9, 2018

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