

PSALTER—PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

The choir and congregation sing responsively using the Tone below:



¹ I | love the Lord,
because he has heard my voice and my | supplications.
² ***Because he inclined his | ear to me,***
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;
I suffered dis- | tress and anguish.
⁴ ***Then I called on the name | of the Lord:***
“O Lord, I pray, | save my life!”

¹² What shall I return | to the Lord
for all his boun- | ty to me?
¹³ ***I will lift up the cup | of salvation***
and call on the name | of the Lord,
¹⁴ I will pay my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all his people.
¹⁵ ***Precious in the sight | of the Lord***
is the death of his | faithful ones.
¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your | serving girl.
You have | loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ ***I will offer to you a thanks- | giving sacrifice***
and call on the name | of the Lord.
¹⁸ I will pay my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all his people,
¹⁹ ***in the courts of the house of the Lord,***
in your midst, | O Jerusalem.
Prai- | se the Lord!

SCRIPTURE
1 Peter 1:17-23 ~ Page 232 in N.T. of the pew Bible

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT [After Children’s Moment, children age 3—5th grade are invited to Children’s Church in Rooms L8 and L9, located downstairs]

SERMON ~ Rev. Teer Hardy

*HYMN #172 My Jesus, I Love Thee GORDON

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God,
our world is filled with corruption:
power disguises itself as truth;
convenience masquerades as goodness;
selfish pleasure imitates love.
We confess to you, O God,
that we have been caught in the web of the world’s sin.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience,
that we may see the joy of Jesus’ resurrection
and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

Followers of Jesus:
God has promised salvation to us, to our children,
and to all who are near and far.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
*(After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Hear our prayer.**)*

OFFERTORY
Awake, Now, Wintry Earth (from Cantata No. 129)
J.S. Bach, arr. Michael Burkhardt
~ The Mount Olivet Choir, Bryan Holten (organ), Karen McElfish (cello),
Nick Serbu (trumpet), and Brannon Wiltshire (trumpet)

Awake, now, wintry earth
And cast aside your sadness.
All springtime flowers sing forth,
Sing forth your ancient gladness.

A new and glorious tale
Throughout the land is sped;
It floats o'er hill and dale
To tell that death is dead.

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in unison)*

RECEIVING COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
Nessun Dorma from *Turandot* Giacomo Puccini, arr. Arthur Frackenpohl
~ Nick Serbu, *trumpet and flugelhorn*; Bryan Holten, *piano*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*HYMN #540 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE
We Take the Love of God, We Give the Love of God Emma Lou Diemer

POSTLUDE
Paean Craig Phillips

The postlude is a musical "sending forth" into the world. You are invited to remain and listen to the music, visit with your church family, or meet your children in Children's Church downstairs or in the nursery on this level.

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Please stand, as able, for those acts of worship marked with an asterisk*.
Words in bold type indicate a congregational response.

Join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall lobby downstairs.

Participants in Today’s Worship Service:
Preacher: Rev. Teer Hardy
Worship Leader: Rev. Sara Keeling
Organist/Choirmaster: Dr. Bryan Holten
Children’s Sharing: Linnea Carlson
Liturgist: Ann Speicher
Acolyte: Campbell Black

Congregational Prayers

Healing and Sympathy:

- For Derik & Rebecca, as they navigate Derik’s complex medical situation.
- For the family of Malek, baby of a friend of Katie O’Brien, whose life was taken too soon.
- For Cristina Gomez James, who has spinal cancer and has moved to California to join an experimental treatment program. Cristina is the niece of Julia Gomez Nelson.
- For Jennifer Rauda, Mount Olivet Preschool teacher, who is dealing with some unexpected health issues.
- For Kevin Smith, as he recovers from kidney transplant surgery and the continued recovery of Sharon Cummins-Smith following her kidney donation.
- For the family and friends of Josh, who died recently. Josh was a life-long friend of Jamie Gillan.

For those battling cancer and long-term illness: Heather Weir, Cathy Young, Kevin Smith, Jane Hull Harvey, Hannah, Pacci Segall, David Gantz, Dave, Mary, Linda Carter, Sandra Webb, Pat B., Jim S., Cathy Jones, Rick, Cristina Gomez James

We hold our confirmation class in prayer as they learn, discern, and grow in their faith:

- Benjamin
- Griggs
- Charleigh
- John
- Lucas
- Jack
- Fletcher

Prayers for the World:

- For all victims of gun violence. Our hearts are broken with pain at the senseless deaths. Families mourn and children live in fear. Heal our brokenness and turn us away from violence toward peace. Help us to transform our own hearts and to seek peaceful ways of resolving our differences. Let our hands reach out and connect with those who feel alone, those who live in fear, and those suffering from mental illness.
- For peace in Sudan where a militia led rebellion has turned into a full-scale civil war.
- For Vladimir Kara-Murza, a Russian opposition leader who opposes the Ukraine war. Kara-Murza was arrested after he condemned the invasion of Ukraine in a speech to the Arizona House of Representatives last year. This week he was sentenced to 25 years in jail for his opposition to the war.
- For peace between Russia and Ukraine as the war continues.
- For peace in Yemen, where years of war is resulting in a famine for much of the population.

To submit a prayer concern go to our website mountolivetumc.com/prayer

Announcements

Living Hope Wednesday Night Study Begins April 26 at 7 PM

This study accompanies our Eastertide sermon series, Living Hope, and allows us to explore hope so we can recognize it when we encounter it in our own communities. Learn more and register on our website.

Intergenerational "Pickup" Choirs May 7 and June 4

If you enjoy singing but can't commit the time to a weekly rehearsal, please consider joining a one-off choir in traditional worship on Sundays, May 7 and June 4. The music for these dates is designed to be accessible to all singers ages 11 and up. To RSVP, and to receive practice materials, please contact Dr. Bryan Holten, bholten@mtolivet-umc.org.

“Inside the Gate”, Mount Olivet Cemetery Tour May 21, 2023

Setting aside time to focus on Respect, Remembrance and Reflection Did you know that buried in our cemetery are the unmarked graves of Union soldiers who died when Mount Olivet was commandeered and used as a hospital by retreating Federal troops from the First Battle of Bull Run. Also found inside the gate is the grave of an early church trustee who rode with JEB Stuart at Gettysburg. Step inside the gate to find the grave of Lemuel Marcey, a local constable, who lead the “Good Citizen League” posse that broke up the saloons and brothels in what is today Rosslyn. And lying beside her sister, is Sue Landon Vaughn, one of the women who it is thought helped establish Decoration Day.

We hope everyone in the congregation – children and adults – will find that a visit to our cemetery provides an opportunity to pause and reflect on the rich history of our church, the perseverance of our forebears and the natural beauty of this historic piece of land. We think of our cemetery as a museum without walls that offers a glimpse into the lives and challenges of those who came before.

The Parking Lot Committee Wants to Hear From You!

As part of its ongoing efforts to engage with the Mount Olivet community, the Parking Lot Committee will be sponsoring a series of small group discussions during April and May. The feedback received from these facilitated discussions, together with the results from the survey completed in December, will guide the Parking Lot Committee in its considerations on the use of the parking lot.

Plan to attend one of the three future small group discussions on April 23rd, 30th and May 7th from 12:30 – 1:30 PM in the Youth Area (with Zoom access available for the April 30th and May 7th sessions). Additional discussions will also be scheduled with Mount Olivet groups that meet regularly.

Please plan to attend a small group discussion and have your voice heard on this important matter!

Find details on the above announcements and more on our website mountolivetumc.com or subscribe to our weekly e-news.



LIVING HOPE EASTERTIDE

April 23, 2023, 11:00 am

Good Morning and Welcome to worship at Mount Olivet. Last Sunday we explored the joy of Easter and today we turn our attention to verse 22 in our epistle reading. "Love one another deeply from the heart." 1 Peter is imploring us to love one another not because it is a good idea to be a loving person, rather we are to "Love one another deeply from the heart" because we are first loved by God. There's been no greater display of God's love for humanity than on the cross, and there's been no greater display of the power of God's love than in the empty tomb.

PRELUDE

Récit de Nazard from Suite du deuxième ton Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*GATHERING LITANY

Followers of Jesus,
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.
Alleluia!
By his rising we are free from the fear of death.
Alleluia!
By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #92 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.