

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8

**1**Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

**2** Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

**3** "O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

**4** For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

**5** O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab  
devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

**6** "With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

**7** Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

**8** He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

What Gift Can We Bring, Hymn #87 (vv. 1-3)

Jane Marshall

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(After Children's Moment, children age 3 – 5th grade are invited to Children's Church in Room L8, located downstairs. Children will return to the Sanctuary to receive Communion with their families.)

## SERMON

~ Rev. Dr. Sara Keeling

**\*HYMN #441** What Does the Lord Require

SHARPTHORNE

## \*CONFESSiON AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

**Mighty God, lover of justice,**  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**  
**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words,**

**but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face.**

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**  
**that we may do justice, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## Thanksgiving

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERTORY

Offertory (Text: Micah 6:1-8)

John Ness Beck

## \*DOXOLOGY #95

**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.**

OLD 100TH

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Musical Setting A, pp. 17A-18A in the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

[We offer a gluten-free element option and always use grape juice, not wine]

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken)*

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Fraction Anthem, *Agnus Dei*

Gerald R. Near

Brother James' Air

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want, He makes me down to lie in  
pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth  
restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness,  
even for his own name's sake. Yea, though I pass through shadowed  
vale, yet will I fear no ill; For thou art with me, and thy staff me comfort  
still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; My head thou  
dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my  
days will surely follow me; And in my Father's heart always my dwelling  
place shall be.

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

### Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*HYMN #439** We Utter Our Cry (vv. 1,2,4-6)

PADERBORN

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

Leading Today's Worship Service:

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Sara Keeling

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Sara Keeling, Rev. Stephanie Bekhor

Liturgist: Nina Mickle

Organist/Choirmaster: Jonathan Saint-Thomas

Children's Sharing: Linnea Carlson

Acolyte: Alahnie Sherman

Join us for Coffee Fellowship by exiting the side door to the  
gathering area.

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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.*

## Congregational Prayers

### Healing and Sympathy:

- ~Healing prayers for Gisela.
- ~For Sue Mink, who has terminal cancer.
- ~For Cobi O'Brien, who has kidney cancer.

For those battling cancer and long-term illness: Heather Weir, Karen Watkins, Elizabeth Carnahan, Keith Fairbrother, Jason Micheli, Sally, Joel, Chi Bahn, Christine, Mindy, Judy, Yarikza, Kate Heavner, Peter Joyce, Cindy, Tom Benson, Kay Lewis, Justin, Kent Sapp, Latifa Sharif, Rozanne, Dena, Mary Hays, Susan Newton, Thomas Greving.

### Prayers for the World:

- ~For the family and friends of Alex Pretti who died at the hands of ICE officials in Minneapolis. For the peaceful conclusion of ICE activities in several cities.
- ~For the families of the 22 or more people killed in the winter storms across the US this week.
- ~For US tariff conflicts with Korea, China, Canada and India. We pray that the people in these countries and the US are not harmed by these trade wars.
- ~For peace between the US and Venezuela.
- ~For peace throughout the world, environmental justice and health for all people.

To submit a prayer concern go to our website [mountolivetumc.com/prayers](http://mountolivetumc.com/prayers) or use the back of the attendance card.

Register your attendance using the QR code below or by using the attendance card located in the pew rack.



## Announcements

**Annual Youth Mission Play...** Who killed Zeus? When the Greek gods go undercover in modern-day NYC, only one wise detective can stop chaos from breaking loose! Join us for the Mount Olivet Players production of Pandemonium on February 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7 PM or on Sunday, February 15 at 3:30 PM. Tickets are free, but donations encouraged to support Mount Olivet youth missions. Tickets available at the link on our website.

**Volunteers Needed!**...Short term commitment to help with the youth play by prepping and serving concessions before each performance and during intermission. Kids and adults welcome. All time slots are available. Contact Evan at [ehannah@mtolivet-umc.org](mailto:ehannah@mtolivet-umc.org)

**Community Assistance...** Our next event is on Saturday, February 14. Please volunteer to help our neighbors in need receive some much-needed help with food and gift cards. Sign up at the link on our website.

**Confirmation Class...** What is Confirmation? At baptism, we are initiated into the new covenant in Jesus Christ. For many, this happens at a very young age. Baptized infants are a part of the church — the family of faith — but are not yet capable of sharing everything involved in membership. Confirmation is an opportunity to respond to the grace of God available to us, as acknowledged in baptism, and to promise to live as a person of faith. Confirmation is the response of commitment and profession of faith.

Mount Olivet's Youth Ministry is committed to building a compassionate space where all are welcome to explore their faith. Our confirmation study for 8th graders or above begins on March 1 at 4 PM in the Youth Area. There will be 6 sessions (skipping Palm Sunday and Easter). Confirmation Sunday will be April 26. Contact Evan at [ehannah@mtolivet-umc.org](mailto:ehannah@mtolivet-umc.org) or Pastor Sara at [skeeling@mtolivet-umc.org](mailto:skeeling@mtolivet-umc.org) with questions or to register.

**Love Gift Thank You!**...The pastors and staff would like to thank the congregation for the very generous donations to the staff love gift. It is very much appreciated!

**Bethune-Cookman University Gospel Choir**  
Join us for an inspiring performance by the nationally renowned Bethune-Cookman University Gospel Choir on Tuesday, March 3, 7 PM in the Sanctuary. This powerful program weaves together songs of praise, introspection, and rejoicing that reflect the depth and joy of the gospel tradition. Come experience an evening of soaring voices, spiritual reflection, and jubilant celebration.

Find additional announcements and more on our website [mountolivetumc.com](http://mountolivetumc.com) or subscribe to our weekly e-news.



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February 1, 2026, 9:15 am

Welcome to worship at Mount Olivet! We hope you find warmth and welcome among this congregation of God's people. Today we are thinking about what God requires of us and how to live lives that are faithful and just.

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

\*HYMN #568 Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**