

¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain.

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair (Deo Gracias), Hymn #258 (vv. 1-3)
Rebecca Groom te Velde

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.)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-13

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." ¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, "Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" ¹¹ He replied, "Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things, ¹² but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also, the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands." ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

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SERMON

~ Rev. Stephanie Bekhor

*HYMN #451 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Holy God, we confess that we do not trust you fully.
We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises,
and find ourselves unmoored when things fall apart.
You have given us a love more fully
than anything we could experience in this world**

**but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it,
and we look to our own means of assurance and security.
Forgive us, O God. Call us back to you
that we may put our trust in you and rise up
and be not afraid.**

Silent prayer

Hear the good news: You are God's Beloved, forgiven and set free.

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

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel Roger Emerson
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man? He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not every man? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man? I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail; It landed me over on Canaan's shore, and I'll never come back no more. Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

*DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Musical Setting E on pp. 24B-25C 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 (Lamb of God) Gerald R. Near
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Hear My Prayer Moses Hogan
O Lord, please hear my prayer in the morning when I rise. It's Your servant bound for glory. O dear, Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear, Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear You say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Sending

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

*HYMN #257 We Meet You, O Christ

STANLEY BEACH

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Aria & Rigaudon from Cathedral Suite

Gordon Young

Leading Today's Worship Service:

Preaching: Rev. Stephanie Bekhor

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

Liturgist: Cindy Huber

Organist/Choirmaster: Jonathan Saint-Thomas

Children's Sharing: Linnea Carlson

Acolyte: Sophia Glandon

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.

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



Congregational Prayers

Healing and Sympathy:

~For Ione Braswell, who fell and fractured her fibula, but is now recovering at home. Ione will be 101 this month.

~Healing prayers for Gisela.

~For Sue Mink, who has terminal cancer. Sue began chemo/radiation treatments last week and is handling it well.

~For Cobi O'Brien, who has kidney cancer and will have his kidney removal surgery in two weeks.

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 Buddhist monks, who are concluding their peace walk this week.

~For LGBTQI activists who have lost an iconic pride flag that the National Park Service has removed from the Stonewall National Monument in New York City. The Stonewall National Monument is the nation's first dedicated to LGBTQ+ rights and history. It was designated as a national monument in 2016. The Greenwich Village monument commemorates the birthplace of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement, sparked by police raids at the Stonewall Inn in June, 1969, which set off three days of protesting and rioting. The flag was apparently removed on orders of the Trump Administration.

~May God bless our youth and community through the youth play.

~For peace throughout the world, environmental justice and health for all people.

To submit a prayer concern go to our website mountolivetumc.com/prayers or use the back of the attendance card.

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 and Walker Chapel Players production of Pandemonium on February 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.

Announcements (continued)

Pancake Supper

Join us on Tuesday, **February 17** from 5:30 pm – 7:00 PM for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving pancakes and gluten free pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit and beverages. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent and it is tradition to use up rich foods before the 40 day fasting season of Lent. Please sign up at the link on our website. Contact Tina Marcus with any questions at tmarcus@mtolivet-umc.org

Ash Wednesday at Walker Chapel

We will join our friends at Walker Chapel (4102 North Glebe Road) for Ash Wednesday worship service on **February 18** at 7 PM. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a period of reflection and repentance, where the practice of receiving ashes on the forehead symbolizes the recognition of one's mortality and sinfulness, signifying a call to turn back to God.

Lenten Study

Tell Me Something Good! Can we be “good news” people in a world too often burdened by bad news? Join us for this five-session Lenten study, as we delve in to the good news of the gospel through scripture, art, poetry and hymns. Thursdays, February 26 - March 26, at 7:15 on Zoom. Contact Rev. Stephanie Bekhor for more information at sbekhor@mtolivet-umc.org.

Butterfield's Brigade and Mount Olivet 1861-1862

Completed just before the Civil War, Mount Olivet's original structure was reduced to its foundations by the end of the conflict's first year. It was variously used by the United States Army as – possibly – a hospital, storehouse, picket post, and stable. In this talk, local historian, Michael Schaffner, will explore the likely uses of the building before focusing on the soldiers camped nearby from September 1861 till May 1862. Their story reveals surprising connections to some of the war's great battles, the United States Colored Troops, and the Army's early efforts at graves registration.

Please join our history team on **Sunday, February 22 at 3:00.**

Let us know you are coming.

Email montecampbell@earthlink.net

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 or subscribe to our weekly e-news.



MOUNT
OLIVET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 15, 2026, 9:15 am

Welcome to worship at Mount Olivet! On this last Sunday of Epiphany, the liturgical season of revelation and light, we hear of Jesus' transfiguration on a mountaintop. The disciples observe his visage change; light shines from his face and radiates from his being. The divine proclamation heard at his baptism resounds once more: "This is my Son, the Beloved with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." May we, too, listen and follow where he leads.

Gathering

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

PRELUDE

De La Mare's Pavane from Lambert's Clavichord Herbert Howells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

We come to you, O God, praying for healing.

We come to you, O God, longing for justice

Be with us, O God, as we come to you in worship.

*HYMN #188 Christ Is the World's Light CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of light, on this Transfiguration Sunday at the end of the Epiphany season, let us see your glorious light break through once again. As Mose's face shone with your glory on Mt. Sinai, may our faces reflect your light. God of light, visit us once again; we long to see you. Through the power of the Spirit and in the name of the One whom you sent into the world, we pray. Amen.

Word

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

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 24: 12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.