

Word

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12: 1-9

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose – that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. As they journey, they inaugurate sacrificial worship at every stopping point.

¹The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23) Howard Goodall

~ The Mount Olivet Mass Choir (Adults & Children)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness, and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 #593 Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ’s name we pray,

Jesus says, “Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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

In Thee, Almighty King

Dan Forrest

In Thee, Almighty King, what majesties abound, within Thy kingdom there is peace, and glories all around. Thy name we now exalt, to Thee we gladly sing, proclaiming honor, love, and power, In Thee, Almighty King. In Thee, O Precious Lord, is found redeeming grace. Thy cleansing blood was freely given, to save a sinful race. So now we humbly stand to sing in one accord, Eternal joy and endless life, In Thee, O Precious Lord. In Thee, Exalted Son, eternal life is found, for death has lost the victory, and Thy head has been crowned. Let all creation praise Thy name, O living One! With grateful hearts we now rejoice, in Thee Exalted Son, in Thee, O Precious Lord, in Thee, Almighty King!

*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 pp. 13-14 in the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(sung)*

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Music During Communion

Fraction Anthem, Sanctus

Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

In My Heart

Alan Bullard

(Text Hymn #402, Lord I Want to be a Christian)

Cinq Strophes sur l’hymne Sanctorum Meritis Alexandre Guilmant

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Sending

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

*HYMN #2137 (TFWS) Would I Have Answered When you Called
KINGSFOLD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

George Dyson

Leading Today’s Worship Service:

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Sara Keeling

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 in the Gathering Space.

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 the family and friends of Sarah Hundley who passed away on May 23. Sarah is the daughter of Rev. Steve Hundley and the niece of Wendy Tate (who worked at Mount Olivet in the 1980s)
~For Michael Haas, father of Elizabeth Ressler, who will have open heart surgery on June 15.

For those battling cancer and long-term illness: Heather Weir, Karen Watkins, Elizabeth Carnahan, Jason Micheli, Sally, Christine, Yarikza, Kate Heavner, Peter Joyce, Cindy, Tom Benson, Kay Lewis, Justin, Dena, Mary Hays, Susan Newton, Thomas Greving, Sue Mink, Chi Bahn, Michael Milano, Carole Shakkour, Bob O., Barb H., Vivian, Chris, Fran T., Bonnie Hahn, Donald Laughlin, Cheryl, Susan Kiser.

Prayers for the World:

~For people struggling with Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
~For Hungary's government which will amend the constitution to remove the country's president, part of a push by the new Prime Minister Péter Magyar to eliminate officials appointed under former Prime Minister Viktor Orbán.
~For an end to the Ukraine/Russia war.
~For peace between the US and Iran.
~For peace and an end to wars around the world.

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

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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.

Announcements

Spirit and Nature Walk, June 7

Our next Spirit and Nature walk is this afternoon, **June 7** at 2 PM at Gulf Branch Nature Center (3608 Military Road, Arlington). We will meet by the pond just past the parking lot. Contact Jaydee Hanson (703-231-5956) if you plan to attend.

Community Assistance

It's time to volunteer for Community Assistance. Our next event is on Saturday, **June 13**. Please volunteer to help our neighbors in need receive some much-needed help with food and gift cards. Slots to volunteer are available from 8:00 am through 12:45 pm. Thank you for your continued support! Sign up on the SignupGenius at the link on our website.

Youth Concert

Join us for the Youth Concert on **July 10** at 7 PM in the Phoenix Room (third floor). Featuring Didi Kumalo, Thomas Joyce, and Brent Baxter from The Way Band and our youth singers, Sebastian Keeling, Emma McDonnell, Jesse Brown, and Marta Carlson. They have all worked really hard and would love to see you there. Refreshments served! No charge for the concert, but reserve your spot at the link on our website.

Senior Adult Book Group

Mount Olivet's Senior Adult Book Group meets via Zoom at 10 AM on the first Wednesday of each month. Books the group will discuss next are:

July 1 *The Water is Wide* by Pat Conroy

August 5 *Judge Stone* by Viola Davis and James Patterson

September 2 *Theo the Golden* by Allen Levi

If you would like to participate in the book group discussions, please contact Jim Dake, 571-499-0526, JDDake@gmail.com

Stewardship Campaign Update

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has pledged and continues to give faithfully to Mount Olivet. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, giving has increased compared to last year. This growth has enabled us to keep pace with rising expenses and continue supporting the mission and ministry of our church. As we reflect on "Why Church" and give thanks for being fully open again, we would love to hear how God's presence is evident in your life. If you feel led to share, please follow this link on our website. Whether your experience was big or small – a quiet reassurance, an answered prayer, or an unexpected blessing – your story can encourage and uplift others in our community. Please consider sharing so we can celebrate together how God is at work among us.

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



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OLIVET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 7, 2026, 9:15 am

Welcome to worship at Mount Olivet! Throughout the summer we will be exploring the ancient stories of the Hebrew people. Today we are thinking about Abraham and Sarah and the promises of God to provide and protect. May you feel the presence of God as we worship together this day!

Gathering

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

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre (Lovely) No. 2 from Three Welsh Preludes
Ralph Vaughan Williams

INTROIT

Trinity Alleluia Healey Willan
Alleluia! I will not leave you comfortless: I go, and I will come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.

**Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.**

Sing for the Lord a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

**For your word, O Lord, is right,
and faithful are all your works.**

You love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

**By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.**

You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.

*HYMN #166 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

SINE NOMINE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**