

Word

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 19: 1-13

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. ² He said, "Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the square." ³ But he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house, and he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. ⁴ But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house, ⁵ and they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them." ⁶ Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, ⁷ and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. ⁸ Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." ⁹ But they replied, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot and came near the door to break it down. ¹⁰ But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.

¹² Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city — bring them out of the place. ¹³ For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it."

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 Room L8, located downstairs. Children will return to the Sanctuary to receive Communion with their families.)

SERMON

~ Rev. Stephanie Bekhor

*HYMN #400 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us then risk our confession, first in silent prayer.

[Silent Prayer]

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We loll about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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

The Call No. 4 of "Five Mystical Songs" Ralph Vaughan Williams
Hymn #164 ~ Ryan Brown, tenor

*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

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)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Music During Communion

Arietta

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Sortie

Edmond Jean Louis Missa

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Sending

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

*HYMN #110 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fantasia on Crucifer

John Leavitt

Leading Today's Worship Service:

Preaching: Rev. Stephanie Bekhor

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

Liturgist: Landon Rordam

Organist/Choirmaster: Jonathan Saint-Thomas

Children's Sharing: Linnea Carlson

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 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, Susan Kiser.

Prayers for the World:

~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

Access Small Group

The next Access Small Group meeting will be held **TODAY**, Sunday, **June 14** from 12:30-2:00 in Room L5. We will have lunch and arts & crafts. Access Group is a small group launched two months ago at Mount Olivet to create a place where adults of all abilities can group in faith, build friendships, and support one another.

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.

Announcements (continued)

End of Fiscal Year

The end of Mount Olivet's fiscal year is upon us (June 30). If you have not already done so, catch up on your pledge, make a donation or make a pledge at the giving link on our website. Thank you for your continued support of Mount Olivet's ministry and mission.

Coffee Fellowship in the Gathering Space

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Gathering Space (exit the doors on the right of the Sanctuary towards 16th Street) on Sunday mornings after Traditional worship. Enjoy our new space, coffee, snacks and fellowship.

Mount Olivet Kids Meet Ups

Join some friends for Mount Olivet Meet Ups this Summer!:

July 17 Potluck & Concert - 6 pm Potluck dinner and a short walk to Lubber Run for Little Red and the Renegades concert.

July 25 Sprinkles & Sprinklers - 9 am at Mosaic Park (544 N. Pollard Street). Donuts and coffee provided. Wear your bathing suit and play in the sprinklers.

August 11 Putt Putt & Pizza - 5-7 pm at Upton Hill Park (6060 Wilson Blvd)

August 22 Stories & Lunch - 11 am at R.E.A.D. at Ballston Quarter for stories and activities. Purchase lunch in the food court afterwards.

Sign up at the link on our website. Questions? Contact Linnea Carlson at lcarlson@mtolivet-umc.org

Phishing Emails

As a reminder, Mount Olivet pastors, staff or congregation members will never ask individuals for financial assistance, gift cards or any kind of personal information through email. Always look at the actual email address of any email you receive regarding these issues. Pastor and staff emails will always come from the mtolivet-umc.org exchange. If you have any question about an email you receive that you think is questionable, always reach out to us. Contact Tina at tmarcus@mtolivet-umc.org or (571) 447-3619.

Reminder: Church Office Hours

As a reminder, Mount Olivet is a secure building and the building is locked at all times. Church office hours (when you can meet with staff/clergy or need access to the building) are Tuesday-Friday from 9 AM - 2 PM, no office hours on Monday. Staff/clergy will continue to work flexible hours and have other meetings and appointments, so it is best to make an appointment as needed. You can email an individual staff member or clergy or call the church office at 571-447-3619.

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



June 14, 2026, 9:15 am

Welcome to worship at Mount Olivet! As our voices join in song, may we delight in the joy of community gathered. As we elevate our thoughts in prayer, may we revel in time to be with God. As we listen to the scriptures read and proclaimed, may we find inspiration and courage in our hearts. As we gather this day to praise God, may we find strength for the journey of life.

Gathering

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

PRELUDE

Pie Jesu pour Orgue from Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

Prelude on 'Grosser Gott'

Donald Busarow

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We know what God desires of us:

That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

to remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

With thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*HYMN #66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, may we love what you command and desire what you promise, that amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.