

Word

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21: 8-21

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

~ Linnea Carlson

*HYMN #142 If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not what we do but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

New every morning is God's love for us, and so we are bold to proclaim the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

Prelude on 'LYONS'

Dan Forrest

*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

Communion Op. 15, No. 1

Alexandre Guilmant

Meditation on 'O Waly Waly'

James Biery

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Sending

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

*HYMN #540 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (vv 1-4) ST. THOMAS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Love of the Father

Orlando Gibbons/George Dyson

Leading Today's Worship Service:

Preaching: Linnea Carlson

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

Liturgist: Vann Pearce

Organist/Choirmaster: Jonathan Saint-Thomas

Children's Sharing: Alexis Joyce

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 Jill Downing, who will soon have major surgery as the next step in her cancer treatment. Jill is a wife and mom of three young children. She is Emily Pearce's cousin.

~For Michael Haas, father of Elizabeth Ressler, who is recovering from open heart surgery.

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 victims of domestic violence.

~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

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.

They Said What?!

Summer Worship Series on Genesis and Exodus. From the triumphs and failures of the patriarchs to the enslavement and deliverance of their descendants, these ancient narratives will get us thinking. It's gonna get real, ya'll.

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 21, 2026, 9:15 am

Welcome to worship and happy Father's Day! This morning we continue hearing about the matriarchs and patriarchs of our faith with stories from Genesis and Exodus. We are so glad you have joined us today!

Gathering

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

PRELUDE

Suite from King Henry V

1. Passacaglia
2. Touch the Hem

William Walton arr. Robert Gower

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Through days of joy and nights of fear

we've traveled this far by faith.

Through life, through death,

Christ walks with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

In this promise,

let's worship God together.

*HYMN #145 Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, come to us now in this time of worship. Be present in our lives, that you may hear our cries, and speak to our souls.

Give us your strength, that we may live all the days of our lives in faith and hope. Amen.