

The Olive Branch

May 22, 2019

Accent on Worship

Dan Hellerich

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

Worldly peace seems to be something we seek by eliminating the unpeaceful: Peace is quiet, not noisy. Peace is calm, not rowdy or full of anxiety. Peace is beautiful and harmonious, not garish. Peace is non-violent.

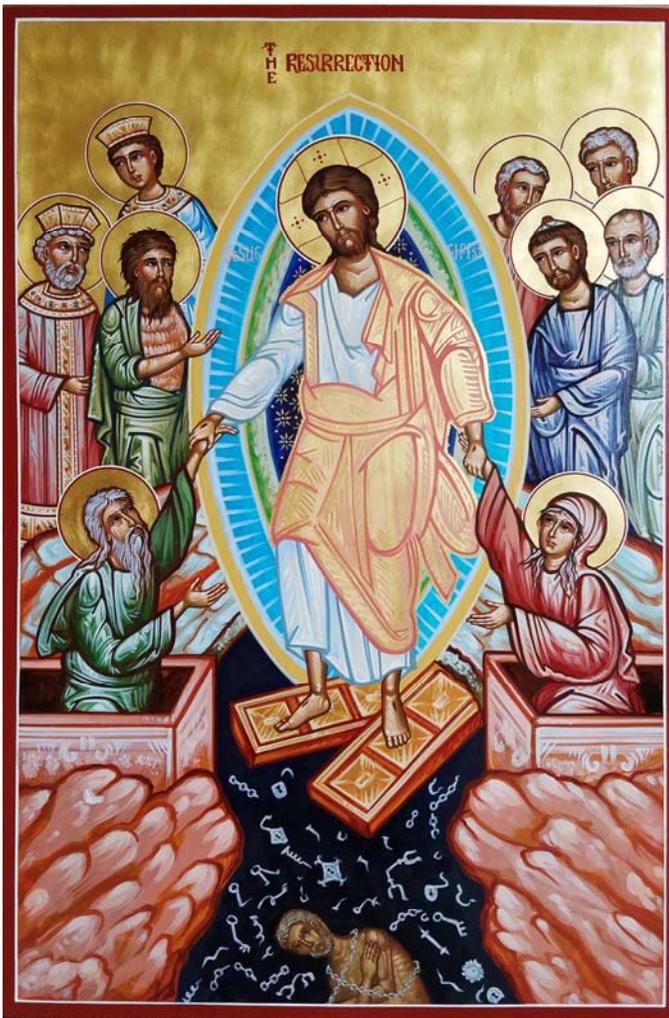
These and other ways we strive for peace in our world are well and good. But, like most worldly things, some kinds of peace are more available to the privileged. I can choose to enjoy much worldly peace: I am far away from war and violence, but some of our neighbors fear for safety. I don't ever worry about my next meal, or if I'll have shelter each night, but some of our neighbors are begging for these basic necessities.

I find peace and comfort sometimes by sitting quietly, other times by listening to music, and other times eliminating distractions to enjoy the beauty of nature, art, or a good cup of coffee. You may find peace in similar or different ways, but in each of these cases we're each making a judgement on what is to be cast out in favor of what brings us peace.

Are we casting out those who need Jesus' peace in order to make our own worldly peaceful spaces?

Jesus says "my peace I give to you." As Paul said, Jesus' peace is a peace surpassing understanding. This peace is the best kind of gift as he prepared his friends for his Ascension. They did not ask for this gift, nor did they earn it, nor will it ever run out, it gives both calm and courage, and is just what they (and we) always needed. In worship, we practice sharing peace within the few pews around us in the sanctuary. Like the apostles, let us practice sharing Jesus' peace with everyone, everywhere we go.

The peace of Christ be with you all.



Sunday Readings

May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

John 14:23-29

June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Taking Heart: Ramadan Iftar Open House Meals 2019

From the Minnesota Council of Churches (with an invitation from Jim Bargmann, Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry):

Ramadan is the month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset; in 2019 it falls between the dates of May 5 - June 4. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the "five pillars" of Islam, and is performed to learn compassion, self-restraint, and generosity.

Taking Heart Open Houses is a long-running program coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN) to bring Christians and members of other faith communities together with Muslims for food and conversation during Ramadan. Minnesota mosques and Islamic community centers welcome their non-Muslim neighbors for a traditional Iftar, inviting a time of encounter and learning.

Registration is now open so you can sign up for one or more events at: <http://bit.ly/TakingHeartRegister>. These events are free and open to the public.

Note from Jim Bargmann: I am planning to attend the Taking Heart Abubakar As-Sadique on May 25 if you would like to join me, but you are welcome to attend any of the Open House events that work for you.

The Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday, May 30, 2019
Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm

All are welcome.

Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am in the West Assembly Area. All readers welcome!

For the June 8 meeting they will read, *A Moveable Feast*, by Ernest Hemingway. For the July 13 meeting, they will read, *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd.

Attention AOL and Yahoo Email Users

For almost a year, Mount Olive has been unable to receive email from AOL and Yahoo email accounts. This was due to the large amount of spam and other unwanted email generated by advertisers and "phishers" who utilized these accounts, causing all emails from those carriers to be rejected by our email server.

Last week, our web designer was able help us bypass that filter, so we can now receive email from both AOL and Yahoo accounts again.

Calendar

Wednesday, May 22

9:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 24

7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support Group

Sunday, May 26 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and conversation

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day holiday: Church offices closed

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 28

Noon Bible Study
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open

Pentecost Reading of Acts 2 In Many Languages

For a number of years, it has been our tradition at Mount Olive to hear a portion of the Pentecost reading from Acts 2:1-21 read simultaneously in various languages. Some of you have either participated in this joint reading in the past, or are knowledgeable enough in a foreign language that you might be willing to participate.

I would like to invite anyone who can read aloud in another language to participate in this corporate reading at the morning liturgy on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Please contact Susan Cherwien via email at susan.cherwien@gmail.com if you would be willing to participate or if you have questions. Instructions will be sent to all participants, so have no fear!

- Susan Cherwien

Test Your Climate Knowledge

The Missions Committee would like to challenge you on your understanding and knowledge of our beautiful Earth. NASA Global Climate Change web site offers quizzes to help us learn about vital signs of the planet. One quiz each week will be offered here until Earth Day to assist you in growing your stewardship of the Earth and all living things. Click the following link to take this week's quiz, "It's a Gas:" <https://climate.nasa.gov/quizzes/quiz-co2/>

Summer Worship Schedule Begins This Weekend

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 26, (**this weekend!**) and running through Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 1, Mount Olive will celebrate one Sunday Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Summer ACTS

Adults, Children, Teaming to Serve

Summer ACTS is our own Mount Olive jobs program for young people, ages 11-14. Participants will team up to learn about important issues in our south Minneapolis community, work together on important service projects, and earn some income.

This year's program will take on a different schedule than in past years. This year, Summer ACTS will be a two-week program, June 24 to July 3 with participants working Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, with a special closing celebration on July 5. Participants will have the option to sign up for either week or both weeks.

Past participants have used their experiences in Summer ACTS on job applications, resumes, and college entrance essays.

For young people wanting to participate...

Any young person wanting to participate should complete the sign up form, either online at

<https://forms.gle/TnbTorwpdZZmHUkBA> - or pick up a paper form from the kiosk in the west assembly area. Sign up deadline is June 13.

For adults - we need you too...

We need people who would be able to shop for food, people to assist preparing lunches, drivers and, most importantly, adults willing to work alongside young people in their learning and service. If you are interested, please contact Jim Bargmann at 612-827-5919 or neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org.

2019 Graduates – Who Are They?

As we come to the completion of the school year, the Mount Olive community would like to take time to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates (both high school and college) and celebrate the next steps of their journey. Our Graduate Recognition will take place on Sunday, June 9, following the morning Eucharist. If your Mount Olive graduate graduates this spring, please email the following information to Cha in the Mount Olive office (welcome@mountolivechurch.org): Graduate name, the school they graduated from, any special recognitions or honors, and what they are planning to do next, whether that be job, more education, or something else.

Please invite them to be here on June 9!

Vigil of Pentecost
Saturday, June 8,
2019
7:00 p.m.

Lost and Found

Are you missing something you may have left at church? An umbrella or jacket? A bowl or pan from a recent potluck? Your readers? If so, they might be in the lost and found at church.

Please take a moment to check the items on the table near the coat room and also the Lost and Found basket in the coat room to see if your missing item is there.



BACH · TAGE
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THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL BACH-TAGE

June 1&2, 2019

Bach - Three Ways

Saturday, June 1 - 4:00 pm

Tami Morse, Tulio Rondón, and David Cherwien perform solo selections for harpsichord, cello, and organ, demonstrating the diversity of Bach's genius.

Evening Prayer with Cantatas 37 and 44

Sunday June 2, 4:00 pm

This year *Bach-Tage* falls in the three days between the Feast of the Ascension and the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The two cantatas for this year's *Bach-Tage* were composed and performed for these occasions in Leipzig in the year 1724.

Bach Tage Chorus, Orchestra and Soloists

Katby Saltzman Romey, conductor Cantor David Cherwien, organist

New Mount Olive Housing Task Force

It began with a vision! At last fall's Vestry retreat, when asked to imagine standing in from of Mount Olive in 10 years and look north, about half the vestry saw some kind of affordable housing effort for low-income people as part of our ministry. This vision became part of Pastor Crippen's Stewardship sermon last fall when he asked us to listen to the Holy Spirit in our giving - not to what we need for our current ministry, but in faithful sacrifice that opens the door to be of more service to the poor and needy. The Vestry has discussed about how best to achieve these visions and this stirring of the Spirit.

The Vestry has formed a Housing Task Force to investigate low income affordable housing as a need in our community, to survey what other efforts are already being made to address this issue, and to recommend to the Vestry a plan of how Mount Olive might use its resources to expand our ministry in this way.

The following sisters and brothers have been appointed to serve on this initial task force: Mark Ruff, Chair, Carol Austermann, Margaret Bostlemann, George Ferguson, Art Halbardier, Katherine Hanson, David Hellerman, Diane Hellerman, Connie Marty, Janet Meeks, Becky Melang, Gretchen Pfau, Don Shifflet, Amy Thompson, Dan Wade, and Jim Bargmann (staff). Please remember and support them with your prayers.

TRUST News

TRUST's Chore Program Needs Workers! The program provides household chore and maintenance services to older adults living in South Minneapolis – helping them to continue living safely and independently in their own homes. Currently, TRUST is looking for workers – or volunteers – that can do any of the following jobs: yardwork, mowing, small repairs, and house cleaning. If you are interested, please call the TRUST Chore Program at 612-827-6150.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Opportunity! Do you have an hour to help someone over lunch? TRUST Meals on Wheels, located in the basement of Judson Church at 4101 Harriet Avenue South, is in great need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals Monday through Friday. Delivery takes just about an hour starting at either 10:45 AM or 11:00 AM, and starts and ends at Judson Church. Volunteer drivers can either choose to drive a particular route each week, or be a substitute driver and drive when they are available. Please call 612-822-6040 or email MOWDirector@trustinc.org for more information. (Flyer attached for posting.)

TRUST Meals on Wheels has openings for new Meals on Wheels clients. If you or a parent, friend, or neighbor is in need of a nutritious, hot daily meal delivered right to the door, call Eleonore at 612-822-6040. If you are outside our area, we will direct you.

Hero Plumbing, Heating & Cooling (formerly Uptown Plumbing, Heating & Cooling), in partnership with TRUST, is offering Precision Furnace Tune-up & Carbon Monoxide Safety Checks for a \$69 Fundraiser Special (normally priced at \$210). TRUST receives the \$69. Call TRUST at 612-827-6159 for the coupon. (Cannot be used for rental or commercial property.) The package includes:

- Camera inspection of furnace & heat exchanger
- Test carbon monoxide
- Test safety controls
- Test and adjust system efficiency
- Remove dirt, soot and corrosion

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**Sunday Eucharist:
8:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

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Cantor – *David Cherwien*

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Sexton – *James Wilkes*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in
Christ congregation.*

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