



## Accent on Worship

*Vicar Andrea Bonneville*

Our first reading for this Sunday, Genesis 3:8-15, is likely a familiar story. Perhaps it's a story that you learned in Sunday school or maybe a story you were taught when you first learned about sin or the concepts of good and evil.

When Biblical stories are familiar, they lead us to read the active and holy Word of God with a past interpretation in mind. This isn't necessarily negative, but at times it limits our curiosity as to how God is speaking to us in the moment.

Before I read this passage for this week, I had my judgement towards it because I've heard this passage used in the past to cast judgment on individuals and groups of people. I have also heard it used to shame people and cast blame. Most of the time, when hearing interpretations of the story it has been more about the people's action than about God's action in the narrative.

This week I had to pause for a moment and read the story with a different lens, one that didn't hyper focus on the actions of the humans, but one that focused in on who the Triune God appears to be in relationship with humanity, with you and me. The passage opens with the acknowledgement that the humans heard the sound of the Triune God walking in the garden on a breezy evening. God is fully present and embodied in the garden, not only walking and talking, but searching for the people whom God had created. They are hiding from God because of their actions and yet God is insistent on being in relationship with them.

I relate to the situation of the humans. The feeling of making a mistake, feeling vulnerable, or feeling shame for doing something that I shouldn't have done. It is hard to escape these feelings especially when are constantly trying to follow God's commandment to love our neighbors, creation, and ourselves.

But this is why I welcome the reminder in the first part of our passage for this week. That no matter what we do, God is already here and continuing to be in relationship with us because of God's love and grace for all of humanity, for you and me.

### SUNDAY READINGS

**Sunday, June 6**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

**Sunday, June 13**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
1 Corinthians 5:6-17  
Mark 4:26-34

*In the presence  
of God.  
Being the –  
presence of God–*

### Sunday Worship

8:00 am – Eucharist  
10:00 am – Eucharist  
(Livestreamed)  
12:00 pm - Eucharist

### In-person worship resumes this Sunday!

There will be 3 Eucharists in Mount Olive's Nave this Sunday, June 6, at 8:00, 10:00, and Noon. In keeping with our COVID protocols, **only 50 (masked) worshippers will be able to attend each service.** [Sign up by clicking here!](#)

The 10 am service will be livestreamed each week. A link to the livestream will be available on the home page of our website: [www.mountolivechurch.org](http://www.mountolivechurch.org).

Please note that the link to sign up will not be live until Wednesday of each week. If you don't have access to a computer to sign up, please call the church office beginning Wednesdays and Cha will reserve a spot for you, if available.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Wed., June 3**

11 am – Staff meeting  
6 pm – Vicar Committee

**Sat., June 5**

9 am – Gardening Day  
10 am – Bach Tague  
1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group online gathering

**Sun., June 6**

*Pentecost 2*  
8, 10, and Noon –  
Holy Eucharist, followed  
by outdoor coffee hour

**Tues., June 8**

Noon – Bible Study

**Wed., June 9**

11 am – Staff meeting

## Parish House Repair

Advanced Masonry Restoration (AMR) has been contracted to repair the damage caused by water to the exterior walls of the Parish House. The work, which begins this week, will include removal of the stone cap, putting a membrane in place, and then replacing the cap. Then they will be repairing/replacing damaged brick and the mortar.

While the work is in progress, **please do not park in the North Parking lot during the week.** The lot will be available for worship services.

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## First-hand Accounts from Our Partners at Bright Stars of Bethlehem

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick... We all want to unlock hope for our Palestinian siblings during this crisis. Knowing the truth about the facts on the ground in Palestine is one step towards unlocking hope and standing in solidarity for human rights. This report focuses on Gaza and our Dar al-Kalima friends who live there.”

In this video Dr. Mitri Raheb and Kris Ducett Wagner interview Palestinians and share updates from last Thursday. Take time to view this powerful update, and then pray for our brothers and sisters who are living through this crisis. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm9PpXvShNU>

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## Flowers for Mount Olive Liturgies

As our congregation prepares for in-person worship, we look forward to many familiar sights, sounds, and, yes, fragrances. You may once again sign up to sponsor flowers for our Sunday liturgies.

You may sponsor both bouquets (\$50 per liturgy), or two donors may share the cost (\$25 each). There may be an upcharge for special requests, such as a certain type or color of flower.

Please call Naomi Peterson (612-824-2228) to let her know what date(s) you would like to sponsor. You may also tell her if you want a person or event to be remembered in that day's worship folder.

## Returning to in-person Worship

We've been **invited** to worship God once more in person at Mount Olive, **starting this Sunday, June 6**. Just like many invitations, this one comes with a request for an R.S.V.P. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we'll all be masked, and seated at a distance from one another in worship. To make sure that there's room for everyone who wants to attend, you are asked to let us know which service you'd like to attend and how many will be in your group/family. It's quick and easy, and, perhaps most importantly, a *temporary* measure until the pandemic is under control.

Every week, a link will be published in *The Olive Branch*. Click on the link, and you'll be taken directly to the R.S.V.P. site. Alternately, the Mount Olive website, ([www.mountolivechurch.org](http://www.mountolivechurch.org)), will have a clickable button which will also take you to the R.S.V.P. *For those who do not have access to the internet*, Cha will take your information via a phone call to the office. **Please use the website/Olive Branch link if you have internet access.**

Some things to note:

- The R.S.V.P link will be available starting on the Wednesday before each Sunday's worship. There will be three worship services each Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon. You will need to choose which service you wish to attend, and then supply your name, your email address, and the number of people who will be attending worship in your group/family.
- You will be limited to 6 people per R.S.V.P., so that all who wish to attend may do so. Extended family groups of more than 6 persons who wish to sit together will need to register by separate families, but may be seated together if space allows.
- Seating in the nave will be done according to the safety guidelines and the procedures developed by the Ushers. This means that you most likely will not get your "preferred" pew, if you have one. Consider it an opportunity to take in the liturgy from different vantage points!
- You will need to R.S.V.P. each week for the following Sunday liturgy.
- Remember, if you choose not to attend in-person worship yet, you may watch the service in a live stream format on your computer starting on June 6. More information about that will be forthcoming. For those without computers, a CD of the worship will be made available as it has been during COVID separation.

We look forward to seeing you and to returning to worshipping together!

## Help for a Member of Our Community

In the past year, we have had multiple opportunities to help members of our community establish themselves in new places to live. We have been presented with that opportunity again - for a young mother named Kim and her two young sons.

Like the others we have had the opportunity to work with, from unstable living situations into their own place, they are in need of things to make their new places more livable and more like home.

That's where you come in. As before, we have created a wish list of items for both at Target. For those of you who feel comfortable shopping online, you can simply follow this link, shop for the items you wish to purchase for them. The link is [tgt.gifts/mountolive](http://tgt.gifts/mountolive).

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

- Jim Bargmann,  
Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry

## Bach-Tage Is Here!

After two long days of video recording, BachTage 2021 is ready for you!

BachTage will be available on the Mount Olive website at <https://www.mountolivechurch.org/music/bach-tage/>

**Links will become active beginning at 10 am Saturday, June 5.** If you have not yet downloaded a score of Cantata 85, *Ich bin ein guter Hirt*, please get yours from the web page in advance. A translation of the German text is also available at the link.

[BachTage 2021 playlist can be accessed here](#) and it includes three video segments:

1. A recital by the baroque ensemble Flying Forms: Marc Levine, baroque violin; Tami Morse, harpsichord; Tulio Rondón, cello and piccolo cello.
2. Music and theology of Cantata 85, *Ich bin ein guter Hirt* - Arthur Halbardier; Interview of Stanley King and Ellen Rider, with Kathy Romey and Arthur Halbardier
3. Performance of Cantata 85, and movements from Cantata 21 - the BachTage Orchestra and soloists

Each segment can be viewed independently. **HOWEVER, BE SURE TO VIEW SEGMENT #2 PRIOR TO SEGMENT #3.**

- *Art Halbardier*





## Building Our Home

The series highlighting some of the specific properties that will be funded in part by the Building Our Home initiative continues this week. It is hoped that this will make the work more concrete (literally and figuratively).

*Please note, a glossary of some basic terms will be included at the end of this section for each week of this series since there are some terms used in the property descriptions that may not be familiar to all readers. This section will repeat each week.*

Our featured property this week, **Cranberry Ridge**, is notable because construction began this past week! Cranberry Ridge, located in Plymouth, will provide 47 units of family housing. 20% of the units will be affordable supportive housing, providing services for families with a history of insecure housing. The remainder of the units will be tied to site-based Section 8 vouchers. Section 8 vouchers are an important and vital tool to make housing affordable for families (and individuals at other sites), guaranteeing they will pay an amount for rent based on their income at the same time as ensuring the property management will receive the money they need to provide a safe, secure, high quality environment for their residents.

### Commonly Used Terms and Abbreviations

**AMI:** Average Median Income; the average amount made by households in a given area; currently, the AMI for the Twin Cities metro area for a family of four is \$103,400 (one earner making \$49.71 per hour). As one example, 30% AMI, often a measure of housing considered to be the most affordable, would be \$31,000 (one earner making \$14.90 per hour), making a three-bedroom apartment affordable at \$806 per month. For comparison, the average rent for a three-bedroom unit in the Twin Cities in 2019 was \$1,624.

**Affordable Housing:** Defined as housing that can be obtained and maintained for 30% or less of a households' monthly income. By definition, housing costs include all costs related to maintaining a home - utilities, trash disposal, insurance, and the like - not just rent or mortgage.

**Supportive Housing:** Affordable, long-term, community-based housing with on-site support services such as employment counseling, addiction recovery support, etc. for people with multiple barriers to getting and keeping housing.

### The Initiative

Working with three non-profit affordable housing developers, Beacon Interfaith, Aeon, and Alliance Housing, Mount Olive is working to build over 2100 units of affordable and supportive housing with a funding goal of 21.3 million dollars. Through our Neighborhood Ministry leadership, Mount Olive is seeking partnerships with its Twin Cities sister congregations of the Evangelical Church of America, along with other faith communities, organizations, and individuals.



## Christ in Our Home

The *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets for the next quarter (July-September) have arrived at church and are in the narthex for anyone to pick up. If you received them by mail during the last year while the church building was closed and can pick yours up if/when you are at church for Sunday Eucharist, please do! If you still need or want your copy mailed to you, just call the church office and we will be happy to send it out.

## Regular link to the Tuesday Noon Bible Study

The link for the Tuesday noon Bible study is the same every week. Copy this text and print it off or keep it on your desk for easy reference each week.

To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4qs46v5>

You can also dial in using your phone:

United States: +1 (646) 749-3112

Access Code: 179-693-565

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://tinyurl.com/y274v5rs>

## Another Note of Thanks

Our thanks to **David Molvik**, whose digital recordings of our liturgies over the past many years made it possible for all of us to actually sing hymns and psalms together in the worship videos created during the pandemic.

Thank you, David!

## Stewardship News

Now that we are back to in-person worship, your continued faithful support of Mount Olive is more important than ever.

In addition to placing your offering in the plate if you are able to be at worship in person, you can continue to donate to Mount Olive via bill pay (a regular, scheduled check from your bank), via electronic funds transfer (a scheduled paperless transaction from your bank to Mount Olive's bank), and via the "Donate" button on Mount Olive's website:

[www.mountolivechurch.org](http://www.mountolivechurch.org).

If you have any questions about contributing to Mount Olive in any of these ways, please call Cha at the church office, 612-827-5919.

## Book Discussion Group

The Mount Olive Book Discussion group will meet virtually on the second Saturday of each month until we can meet again in person.

For June 12, they will read *Our Man in Havana*, by Graham Greene, and for July 10, they will read *The End of the Affair*, also by Graham Greene..

They are using the GoToMeeting platform. Just click on the link below. If you prefer, you may join by phone.

Join the discussion from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://tinyurl.com/y4knn7o3>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States (Toll Free):  
1 866 899 4679

United States: +1 (571) 317-3116

Access Code: 998-208-989

## CaringBridge Updates

Susan and David Cherwien have established a page on CaringBridge as a way to help keep folks updated regarding Susan's current medical situation. That page can be viewed at

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/susanpalocherwien>.

## In Our Prayers

**Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Susan Cherwien; Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Rhoda Nelson; Lisa Nordeen; Jerry Ostlund; Dwight Penas; Evelyn Royce; Pariann Schenk; James Wilkes; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; *Jodi Royce*, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; *Kjell Thompson*; relative of Nancy Anderson; *Danna Nelson, Jacques*, friends of Jim Bargmann; *Tom McCarr*, friend of Keith Bartz; *Sara Brunette*, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; *Arthur Kaemmer*, friend of David Bryce; *Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling*, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; *Lela Frazier*, sister of Irene Campbell; *Klarrisa Ramirez*, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; *Greg Eklund*, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; *Susan Bary*, friend of Judy Graves; *Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr.*, parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; *Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong)*, friend of Eunice Hafemeister; *Lynn Kernkamp*, friend of Peggy Hoeft; *Tami Huisinga*, relative of Wes Huisinga; *Craig Cunningham*, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; *Bob Adamson*, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; *Martha Boomgaarten*, sister of Jack Kruger; *Danielle Pitzgen*, friend of Ellen Kormanik; *Barbara Dahl*, sister of Carla Manuel; *Dani Olson, Harper Linquist, Steve Camper*, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; *Jan McCuen*, mother of Matt McCuen; *Martha Johnson*, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; *Janet Freeburg*, friend of Lisa Nordeen; *Kathleen Austad*, sister of Jerry Ostlund; *Sue Smith and Steve Swanson*, friends of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; *Vince DeLusia*, friend of Cynthia Prosek; *Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesher Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams*, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; *Leila Jeffers*, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; *Miranda Ahvis*, niece of Tim Sneer; *Carrie*, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; *David Duran*, friend of *Kevin Vazquez*; *Andrew Wiechman*, son of Grace Wiechman; *Kianna Crump*, niece of James Wilkes; *Patrick Clark, Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Annie Hose-Ryan, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Marcia Van Gorden*, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; *Anne-Marie Lundberg*, cousin of Eric Zander; *Karen Lange Dock*,

*Tommie and Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson*, friends of Mount Olive.

**At the death of:** *Michael Waechter*, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; *Ann Clark*, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher.

**Prayers for all in the health care system** here and around the world who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

**Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: *Solveig & Philip*, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and *Tyson Crosby*, relative of the Crosby family. (*Italics indicates non-member friends of Mount Olive.*)

### About our prayer list ...

*If you have submitted a name or names to be published on our prayer list, please review the list regularly, to make sure those for whom we are praying are still in need of our prayers. Contact the church office with any updates.*



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