



# The Olive Branch

June 22, 2022

## Accent on Worship *Cantor David Cherwien*

### *The Hospitality of Singing*

Many of us look forward to the months when we have one liturgy – all of us together. One significant reason for that is that the singing and participation is off the charts! Each Sunday when the entrance hymn begins, my heart races in amazement. One great value to that is that any one of us as individuals can really sing out without “sticking out.” We can sing without fear of someone turning around and saying “Nice. You should sing in the choir.” (Maybe you should...)

Lest this seems to be a brag point being presented here, the point being made in this article is that along with that singing comes some responsibility. As Cantor, it’s important to provide things for the assembly to sing that matches the assembly’s ability. There are a good number of music readers in our assembly each week. That means I can or should select things that music-readers can carry. At the same time, we also want to engage into song the non-music-reading singers.

In these summer liturgies we include some fairly complicated music – which is always looked forward to for those of us who have been here before and/or over time. For a first-time assembly member, looking at that Sanctus setting by Bach can be daunting. So, what helps? Your singing out all the more. They’ll pick up what they can and without worry of sticking out, will feel more emboldened to give it a try. Music readers have a responsibility to “help out” those who do not read music through their singing. Most learn by hearing first, you get to provide that!

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**June 26, 2022**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost, Lect. 13 C*  
1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

**July 3, 2022**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost, Lect. 14 C*  
Isaiah 66:10-14  
Psalm 66:1-9  
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

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Here are some other things music readers can be attuned to:

- When something we sing goes unaccompanied, sing out even more; take over for the organ.
- Carry the psalms – something else that at first can be a bit daunting – and paying attention to what the text is saying.
- Keep eyes/ears aware – do folks around you know where the song is located? Maybe just holding your book in an obvious position so that they can see where you are in the hymnal. (Or which hymnal...). Hear a weak part? Jump to that one if you can. Sometimes tenors can sing the alto line, for example. If in canon, jump to the entrance that sounds like it needs you.
- In the Kedrov Lord's Prayer – keep it from dragging. You readers know the difference between the half-notes instead of the whole note endings – help us not get draggy.
- In the Bach Sanctus, where our voices soar in a higher register – let go and give it up to God without fear!

The list can go on, and I think you get the idea. Read music? Be sure to do your part. Don't read music? We got you covered!

- *Cantor Cherwien*

### Mid-year Financial Update

Through the end of May, Mount Olive has received \$263,000 in gifts while expenses have totaled \$348,000, leaving us with a year-to-date deficit of \$85,000. While it is not unusual for us to be running a deficit at this time of year, the size of our current deficit is historically large and our year-to-date giving is 12% below the same period last year.

We are blessed with incredible generosity at Mount Olive, as evidenced by the surpluses we've generated during the last two years of pandemic uncertainty. Please prayerfully consider whether you can help close this year's gap over the remainder of the year.

*Doug Parish*  
Congregation Treasurer

## Calendar

### Wednesday, June 22

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Thursday, June 23

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, June 24

7:00 pm Recovery group

### Saturday, June 25

9:00 am Gardening Day

### Sunday, June 26 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist, with Installation of Vestry Members*, followed by coffee & conversation

### Tuesday, June 28

Noon Bible Study

### Wednesday, June 29

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Thursday, June 30

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, July 1

7:00 pm Recovery group

### Sunday, July 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation

### Monday, July 4

Independence Day holiday - church offices closed

### Tuesday, July 5

Noon Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 6

10:00 am Staff Meeting

## **Tuesday Noon Bible Study Link**

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study is meeting in person, in the West Lounge. For those who are unable to come in person, we will continue to hold the meeting over Zoom as well.

The link for the Tuesday noon Bible study will be the same every week.

To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, [click here](#).

## **Children's Choirs coming in the fall**

Our young are not just the "church of tomorrow" - they, too, are part of the church today! This coming fall, as a part of our comprehensive plans for our young, we will launch in-person children's choir school, AND for families with children aged 0 through kindergarten, Mount Olive Family Music time (online), Mondays at 5:30 pm.

On Wednesdays, we will offer a prepared meal for the young AND their parents at 5:30 pm, followed by Choir from 6:00 - 6:45 with two groups rehearsing simultaneously:

Grades 1-3, led by Mari Espeland

Grades 4-whatever!, led by Rebekah Schultz

Each of these will periodically participate in Sunday morning liturgies.

Cantorei will rehearse from 7 to 8:45, led by Cantor Cherwien.

Watch for more details in late summer - but for now, mark your calendars!

## Volunteers for Pride Weekend Needed

Mount Olive will again be participating with other urban churches in staffing an informational booth at the Twin Cities Gay Pride festival in Loring Park on June 25 and 26 (this weekend!).

Volunteers are needed at the booth to help set up and take down equipment and hand out literature about Mount Olive and other churches. Shifts run for two hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. In addition, the booth set-up starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and help is requested for that time.

This is important outreach to our LGBTQ+ siblings, many of whom are estranged from the church community. If you are able to help, please contact Lora Dundek (651/645-6636), or the church office (612/827-5919). Thanks!

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## Interment of Victor Price

The ashes of + Victor Price + (husband of former Pastor Bill Heisley) will be placed in the columbarium at Mount Olive on the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, Sunday, August 7, 2022, at Noon. Pastor Crippen will lead the prayers, music will be provided by Cantor Cherwien, and the recipients of the Victor Price Anti-Racism Fund will be formally announced.

You are invited to join in this brief liturgy of Committal.

### Farewell to Vicar Andrea

This Sunday, June 26, is Vicar Andrea Bonneville's last Sunday with us. She will preach at the morning Eucharist, and a reception will be held following the liturgy.

Plan to stop after church and thank Andrea for her good work among us and to wish her well!

## Book Discussion

The Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am at church. All readers are welcome!

On July 9, they will discuss *The Unseen*, by Roy Jacobsen, and for August 13 they will read *Virgil Wander*, by Leif Enger.

And, since it is a large work, we already know that for October 8 we will read the trilogy *The Forsythe Saga*, by John Galsworthy.

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## Save the Date!

### All-Church Picnic

Sunday, July 31,  
Noon - 3 p.m.  
Minnehaha Park, Wabun  
Picnic Area  
Details to come.

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## Summer Office

### Hours

For the remainder of the summer, the church office will be closed on Fridays.



## Circle of Welcome Update

Both of the men in the family from Afghanistan are now employed! One is employed at the airport with Sky Chef and One is working with the Head Start meal program. Having both of them working in the South Metro is a goal, since that is where they would like to live.

A celebration was held at Mount Olive on June 14 in honor of the unmarried male's engagement to a woman in Afghanistan. He is hoping to return to Afghanistan soon for the wedding, and to bring his wife here at a later date. The mentors were able to meet the bride-to-be via technology, even though it was after midnight in Afghanistan! There was music, dancing, and treats.

The biggest concern for the family right now is housing. The mouse infestation in their duplex continues, and they are concerned about the neighborhood, especially after witnessing a disturbing violent event recently. Much effort is being put in by mentors to locate safe, stable, and rodent-free housing.

*\*Due to security concerns, we are unable to show the faces of the Afghan family.*

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### **Summer Sunday Eucharist: 10 am**

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#### **Staff**

Pastor – *Joseph Crippen*

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Vicar – *Andrea Bonneville*

Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry –  
*Jim Bargmann*

Administrative Assistant – *Cha Posz*

Sexton – *Jose Morocho*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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