



The Olive Branch

August 3, 2022

Accent on Worship *Pastor Joseph Crippen*

Hope and Trust

August 7, 2022
*9th Sunday after
Pentecost, Lect. 19 C*
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14, 2022
*10th Sunday after
Pentecost, Lect. 20 C*
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2
Luke 12:49-56

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

This Sunday we'll sing with the psalmist: "Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust. Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you." (Psalm 33:21-22) And then we'll hear from the preacher of Hebrews: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

These are times when, on any given day, we might find it hard to hope for . . . well, anything. Our struggles as a society are well-documented, and the threat to our nation's democracy is real and urgent. Meanwhile, millions of our neighbors are crushed in the middle, and it's hard to see how any of them, or we, can hope for better.

But God's Word says, find trust in God, and in that trust, hope will emerge. Can you trust the God whose love for you and me and the whole creation was worth dying for, and whose love can never be taken from you or me, or any of God's children, or this creation? The God whose resurrection life is even now moving you and me and so many to care and work for God's justice and mercy in this world?

Can you find trust that you are God's beloved? That all humans and all creatures and this weary planet are God's beloved? If you can, then hope is yours. Such a God will surely keep holding you and me and all God's children and the whole creation in love, and help us bring healing.

Trust leads to hope. God give us all both.

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](#).

Book Discussion

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

For August 13, they will read *Virgil Wander*, by Leif Enger, for September 10 they will read *Jailbird* by Kurt Vonnegut. And, early notice since it is a large work, for October 8 they will read the trilogy *The Forsyte Saga*, by John Galsworthy.

Attention Worship Assistants!

The Mount Olive Servant Schedule for fourth quarter 2022 (Oct. – Dec.) will be published at the beginning of September 2022. The deadline for requests is August 12.

Please email requests to Peggy Hoeft at peggyrf70@gmail.com.

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 an 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!

Calendar

Wednesday, ~~February 27~~ August 3

10:00 am Staff Meeting

August 4

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

August 5

Church office closed

7:00 pm Recovery group

Saturday, August 6

9:00 am Gardening Day

9:00 am — Neighborhood Ministries meeting

Noon — Community Meal

1:00 pm — Prayer Shawl group meets at Blue Ox

Sunday, August 7 3rd — 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Noon Victor Price Interment

Monday, August 8

7:30 pm Vestry meeting

~~5:00 pm — Jobs After School~~

~~**Saturday, February 23**~~

~~10:00 am — Confirmation~~

~~**Sunday, February 24 — Second Sunday in Lent**~~

~~**8:00 am — Holy Eucharist**~~

~~**9:30 am — Church School/Adult Forum**~~

~~**10:45 am — Holy Eucharist**~~

~~**5:00 pm — Jobs After School**~~

Tuesday, August 9

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, August 10

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 11

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, August 12

Church office closed

7:00 pm Recovery group

~~**Saturday, August 13**~~

Treats Needed for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

We are in need of folks to sign up to supply treats for Sunday morning coffee hour after worship. You don't have to make coffee - our wonderful Sexton, Jose, does that and he even washes the dishes afterwards! What's needed are treats - and store-bought cookies are just fine! It doesn't need to be fancy! Your job would be to bring the treats, arrange them on our platters/plates, and put them out for people to take.

Look for the sign-up near the coffee line in the East Assembly Room, or call the office to get your name and date in.

Questions? Email: conglife@mountolivechurch.org

Missing Something?

A few weeks ago, someone left a garage door opener at church after liturgy. Is it yours?

Call the church office to claim it!

Summer Office Hours

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

Circle of Welcome Update

Adam Krueger

Wanted: Friends, Biking Partners and Occasional Transportation!

The Afghan family is comfortably settled in their new home in South Minneapolis, near Minnehaha Park. They are on a bus line and feel that the neighborhood is much safer. Both men continue to work, and all the adults are working hard on their English and making good progress. They all have July birthdays, so were at the All-Church Picnic on Sunday, and we sang Happy Birthday to them! They are very excited to meet more of their Mount Olive family.

There are a few opportunities for service that would make life a bit easier for the family - please call or contact Connie Marty (conniejmarty@gmail.com) 651-468-1632 if you are interested in being a good friend to this family and/or available to help with any of the following:

Drive them grocery shopping once a week. They need to buy halal meat and there is not a meat market close to their new home.

They have been gifted with three adult bikes and would love to explore the nearby bike trails. Would anyone like to be their guide? Also, if you have a child carrier attachment or a small training wheel bike they could use it.

They have an occasional need for transportation to medical appointments, etc. Although they are on a bus line, it's a challenge to take two small children on trips that involve multiple transfers. Anyone available to help with transportation?

Friends! Friends! Friends! This family needs friends to simply visit, enjoy their hospitality and have conversations that help them improve their English skills. Our hard-working mentors can attest to how satisfying this work can be and would love to spread the wealth.

Gary Pagel Interment, Sunday, August 14

On **Sunday, August 14**, during our regular morning Eucharist, we will also carry our brother, Gary Pagel, to his rest in Christ. Gary will be interred in the Mount Olive Columbarium.

Victor Price Interment, This Sunday, August 7

The ashes of + Victor Price + (husband of former Pastor Bill Heisley) will be placed in the columbarium at Mount Olive on the 44th 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.



Neighborhood Ministries News

Partner of the Month: Every Meal

Every Meal (formerly known as Sheridan Story) coordinates the delivery of food to families struggling with food insecurity through partnership schools throughout Minnesota during the school year. When children have breaks from school, including spring breaks, in the winter, and summer, Every Meal works with schools and other community organizations like the YMCA to continue food distribution to families. Pre-pandemic, Mount Olive volunteers partnered with Jefferson Community School to distribute food to children attending that school for their families. We are currently assessing what our volunteer involvement with Every Meal will look like in the future.

Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month through a yearly contribution from our budget, but on top of that, we encourage any member who wishes to contribute over and above our budgeted amount to those partners doing work in their areas of passion and concern. You can do this using your offering envelopes or our online giving system. All additional contributions to our partner of the month will be distributed to the partner for the month in which the contribution is received.

Volunteer Opportunity: Powderhorn Art Fair

The 31st Annual Powderhorn Art Fair will take place at Powderhorn Park on August 6 and 7.

The Powderhorn Art Fair is organized by Mount Olive Neighborhood Ministry partner Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association.

In support of this event, the Neighborhood Ministry Committee has authorized an additional contribution to support this important community art event.

We would love to support this event through our volunteer labor as well. Volunteer shifts are available both days of the event and range from 2-3 hours each. You can volunteer to work the info booth, help with set up or take down, help with children's activities, and more.

If you are able to volunteer on either of the two days of the fair, please sign up using this online form: <https://tinyurl.com/4w2c8w73>

School Supply Drive

Mount Olive is partnering with the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Minneapolis-Saint Paul for their school supply drive. The National Pan-Hellenic Council is an organization of several black fraternities and sororities partnering together to make a difference in their communities. Mount Olive is connected to the NPHC-MSP through Irene Campbell.

Locally, they are holding a school supply drive. We will be collecting school supplies THIS WEEK ONLY in support of their metro-wide effort. Please bring any school supplies you wish to donate to Mount Olive until Sunday, August 7.

The most needed school supplies include: colored pencils, composition notebooks, crayons, erasers, glue, glue sticks, highlighters, loose leaf paper (college-ruled), markers (washable, regular and thin), pencils (#2), pencil pouches (3-ring), pencil sharpeners, pens (red, black, and blue), pocket folders, post-it notes, rulers, scissors, Scotch tape (regular and double-sided), Sharpies (fine point, black), tissues, watercolor paint sets, both wide-ruled and narrow-ruled spiral notebooks.

Church Picnic Fun

There was a great turnout for the All-Church Picnic on July 31 at Minnehaha Park. Over 100 people, including many new Afghan friends, enjoyed food and fellowship under beautiful skies and warm temperatures. A crack grilling team made up of Pr. Crippen, Walt Hinck, Matt McCuen and Dan Hellerich served up burgers. Halal food and birthday cake for the Afghan family was provided and served by Judy Hinck and the Global Ministry team. Jim and Judy Johnson and their house guest, Oleksii, graciously transported chairs and tables to and from church, and others stepped up to do whatever was needed to make the day a success.

This is a revival of a long-standing Mount Olive tradition, but we're not sure when the last Church Picnic was held. If you remember the year, let Lora Dundek know. Pictures will follow in the next *Olive Branch*.

Help with Live Streaming

We are in need of a couple more volunteers to run the live stream during worship. You'll need to be comfortable using technology, but most importantly, follow along with the liturgy and switch cameras in anticipation of what's happening next.

What you'll do as a live streamer: Get situated at the computer in the South Gallery, and start the live stream a minute or two before the prelude begins. Follow along with the liturgy, and when we come to a transition point (e.g. a reader walks to the lectern, or a hymn is about to begin), you press a couple buttons to switch to the correct camera, move camera positions, and/or display overlay slides with music on them.

Training sessions & written directions are available. And an experienced streamer will sit by you and assist you for your first services. With the addition of a couple more volunteers, each of us would be scheduled once per month or so.

How to get involved: Contact Dan at <mailto:worship@mountolivechurch.org> or 612-600-6982 with any questions and if you're interested. You can also visit with any of us after liturgy to see how it all works in the South Gallery.



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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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