

# The Morning Worship

Liturgist  
Pastor MacLean

**The Prelude** — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* - - - J. G. Walther

**The Processional Hymn** - - - - - 865:1, 2, 4  
*(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to our forebears in distress.  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Angels help us to adore him, who behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## The Invocation

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation: Amen.** *(Please sing)*

## The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

**Pastor:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Congregation: Amen.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
**Congregation:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have

not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation: Amen.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**Congregation: And also with you.** *(Please sing)*

## The Hymn of Praise- - - - - 638:1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

## The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.  
**Congregation: And also with you.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor and Congregation:**  
O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.** *(Please sing)*  
*(Please be seated)*

## The Epistle - - - - - Romans 12:9-21 (page 922)

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics, but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

## The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 785:1, 4

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*  
It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul.)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

*(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Gospel - - - - - Matthew 16:21-28 (page 798)

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

*(After the reading, please sing)*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Profession of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## The Anthem

*This Is My Father’s World* - - - - - arr. The OK Factor  
The OK Factor - Karla Dietmeyer, violin & Olivia Diercks, cello

## The Welcome

**The Offertory**

*Beach Spring* - - - - - arr. The OK Factor  
The OK Factor - Karla Dietmeyer, violin & Olivia Diercks, cello

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**The Offertory Prayer**

*(Please be seated)*

**The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - 880:1, 3**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

**The Sermon** **Pastor Kalland**

*“If It’s Possible”*

*(Please stand as you are able and sing)*

**The Closing Hymn - - - - - 888:1**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

**The Lord’s Prayer - - - - - Page 112**

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

*(The congregation is asked to pause for a moment of silent prayer)*

**The Postlude**

*Prelude in Classic Style* - - - - - Gordon Young

*Please be so kind as to leave your bulletin at the end of the pew  
or place in the recycle bin as you leave. Thank you.*

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Director of Worship & Music, *Dr. Beverly Claflin*  
Principal Organist, *Dr. Richard Owen*

**Welcome Guests**

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence and prayers. A pastor will be available in the lounge to greet you following the service. If you have any questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, please come to the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices available at the Information Desk located in the Narthex.

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Molly Borgeson, given by her family.

The flowers by the pulpit are in memory of Elaine Clarice Person, on the anniversary of her birth, given by her family.”

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Jeffrey Scott, on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his parents, Eileen and Wes Scott.

If you would like to donate Sunday morning altar flowers in loving memory or in honor of someone you know, please contact Mary Lindberg, 612-767-2200 or maryl@mtolivet.org. Orders are appreciated two weeks in advance of your desired date. The cost is \$50.00.

**Next Sunday - Rally Sunday**

Regular worship hours of 9, 10, 11am & 12noon resume. Pastor Lose will be preaching on *“Row the Boat, Rock the World.”* Music by Senior and Cathedral Choirs, and brass. Holy Communion observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. Sunday Church School and The Way at 9, 10, and 11am. Nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years at 9, 10, and 11am.

# The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 3, 2017

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