

# The Morning Worship

Liturgists

9:00am – *Pastor Youngdahl*

10:00 & 11:00am – *Pastor Enoch*

12noon – *Kate Knutson, seminarian*

**The Prelude** *Prelude in G Major* - - - - - Felix Mendelssohn

**The Processional Hymn** - - - - - **842:1, 2, 3, 5**

*(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)*

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing God’s power and love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

## 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)*

**The Hymn of Praise** - - - - - **Page 204:1, 2**

Glory be to God in heaven;  
peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation,  
Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you,  
we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you;  
here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever,  
Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior,  
you have come from heav’n above;  
on the cross you died to save us;  
now you reign at God’s right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;  
in your promise firm we stand.

## The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor and Congregation:** Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.** *(Please sing)*

*(Please be seated)*

**The Lesson** - - - - - **Micah 6:1-8** *(page 757)*

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.*

**The Gradual Hymn** - - - - - **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.

*(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**The Gospel** - - - - - **Matthew 5:1-12** *(page 785)*

*Jesus opens the Semon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

*(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

9:00 and 10:00 — *We the Children Lift Our Voices* - - arr. Hal Hopson  
Chapel Choir

11:00 — *How Can I Keep from Singing?* - - - - - Greg Gilpin  
Chapel Choir Women

12:00 — *The Lord’s Prayer* - - - - - Kathy C. Bowen  
Chapel Choir Men

## The Welcome

## The Offertory

*Deep River* - - - - - arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Chancel Ringers

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

**The Offertory Prayer**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - 303:1**

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

**The Sermon Pastor Craig Johnson**

*“The Strange Values of Jesus of Nazareth”*

**The Baptismal Service** *(held during the 12noon service)*

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

**The Closing Hymn - - - - - 314:1, 4**

Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit’s call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God’s pow’r will make us strong.

**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** *God Be Praised - - - - - Healey Willan*

*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, *Beverly Claflin*
- Principal Organist, *Richard Owen*
- Director of Chancel Choir Women, *Amanda Jenkins*
- Director of Chancel Choir Men, *Erik Akervik*
- Director of Chapel Choir, *Elaine Sergeant*
- Director of Chancel Ringers, *Kate Graber*

**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.

**Baptisms**

Cora Alexandra Hartzler, daughter of Greta and Matt; Gavin Edward Skwor, son of Lisa and Kevin; and Liam Louis Holmen, son of Grace and Kevin; will be received into the fellowship of Christ and His Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today.

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Donald and Frances Parr, given by their daughter, Catherine Williamson.

The flowers by the pulpit and lectern are in loving memory of Bruce Knox and Ann Anine James given by their parents, Ralph and Mary Jane James.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in loving memory of Jim Jenison, given by his wife, Darlene.

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/maryl@mtolivet.org. Orders are appreciated two weeks in advance of your desired date. The cost is \$50.00.

**Next Sunday**

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Cornils will be preaching on “A Glowing Force of Nature.” Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. There will be Sunday School/The Way at 9, 10, and 11am, and nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years.

# The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany January 29, 2017

**PASTORS**

- David J. Lose, Senior Pastor-Elect
- Dennis J. Johnson, Interim Senior Pastor
- Kurt P. Kalland
- Eric N. Youngdahl
- Andrew M. Bakken
- Stephen J. Cornils
- Monica M. Hammersten
- William B. MacLean
- Gretchen E. Enoch