

# The Morning Worship

Liturgists

9:00am – *Pastor Enoch*

10:00am – *Pastor Kalland*

11:00am – *Pastor Johnson*

12noon – *Kate Knutson, seminarian*

**The Prelude** *Beautiful Savior* - - - - - Franklin Ashdown

**The Processional Hymn** - - - - - **324:1, 2, 3, 4**  
*(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)*

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## 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 Kyrie- - - - - Page 138

**Pastor:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.** *(Please sing)*

**Pastor:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.** *(Please sing)*

## The Hymn of Lent - - - - - 335:3

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me.

### Refrain

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

## 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, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

*(Please be seated)*

## The Lesson - - - - - Genesis 12:1-4a (page 8)

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose--that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

## The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 676:1

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Gospel - - - - - John 3:1-17 (page 863)

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom 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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* - - - arr. Lee Afdahl Chancel Ringers

## The Welcome

## The Offertory

9:00 and 10:00 — *Lord, You Are Near Me* - - - - - Mark Patterson  
Chapel Choir

11:00 and 12:00 — *O Sacred Head* - - - - - Craig Courtney  
Senior Choir

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

**The Offertory Prayer**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.

*(Please be seated)*

**The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - 733:1, 3**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

**The Sermon** **Pastor Hammersten**

*“Light in the Darkness”*

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

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

**The Closing Hymn - - - - - 773:1**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**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** *Trumpet Tune on “God of Grace” - - - Michael Helman*

*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*  
Organist, *Miriam Jensen*  
Director of Senior Choir, *Beverly Claflin*  
Director of Chapel Choir, *Elaine Sergeant*  
Director of Handbells, *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**

William Wilson Ruckel IV, son of Stephanie and William; Josephine Rose Ellingboe, daughter of Elizabeth and Peter; Audrey Eliana Haugen, daughter of Erin and Ryan; Madeline Grace Ferry, daughter of Laura and Kane; and William David Stark, son of Sarah and Kyle; 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 our daughter, Kelly Phillips, on the anniversary of her birthday, given by her parents, Dan and Jane Phillips.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Gary Melin on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his wife, Jean, and his children and grandchildren.

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 - The Third Sunday in Lent**

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Lose will be preaching on *“Meaning Before Morality.”* 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 Second Sunday in Lent March 12, 2017

**PASTORS**

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor-Elect  
Dennis J. Johnson, Interim Senior Pastor  
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