

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022



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"SHARING CHRIST, SERVING THE COMMUNITY"
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Welcome to worship at Mt. Olive, we're glad you're with us today!

As We Gather

Now we know the end of the story. In John's vision in the Epistle, heaven will be like an eternal wedding feast. All of us in the Church have been made presentable by Christ, the Bridegroom. Unlike the disciples, who in today's Gospel still had to experience their Lord's absence from Good Friday through Easter morning, we can be confident that no one can take our joy from us. Now we know that because He has paid the price on the cross, the Bridegroom will freely make all things new. In place of torrents of tears will be the spring of the water of life. When we receive His body and blood in the Sacrament, it is a foretaste of the feast to come, and we cannot wait to enjoy the rest of the eternal celebration!

+ WE TURN OUR FOCUS TO WORSHIP +

Welcome

♪ Hymn of Invocation ♪

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Hymn #902

God is with Us

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.

People: Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.

Pastor: Jesus promised the disciples, "Your sorrow will turn into joy," and He promises "the spring of the water of life without payment." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Prayer for the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

People: Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

11 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-7

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is

done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 16:12-22

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Hymnal Back Cover

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

♪ Hymn of the Day ♪

In Christ Alone

All

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is the pow'r of Christ in

song. This Cor - ner - stone, this Sol - id Ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
 slain. Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought_ and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came_ to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
 grave He rose_ a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
 died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
 ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am
 man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand. 'Till He re -

er, my All in All. Here in the love of Christ_ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ_ I live.
 His and He is mine, Bought with the pre-cious blood_ of Christ.
 turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ_ I stand!

Sermon

Pastor Carlos Hernandez

Prayers of God's People

Pastor: Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church and all people in their various needs.

You told Peter, "What God has made clean, do not call common." Remember those people on the margins of society, O Lord; provide caring people and institutions, open doors of opportunity, and free them from the results of their past poor decisions. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Peter and the others recognized that they could not "stand in God's way." Guide the Church's clergy and lay leaders here and around the world to seek Your will, Lord Jesus, working together creatively to find new ways to spread the Gospel in accord with Your will. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Lord, in John's vision You proclaimed, "Behold, I am making all things new." Graciously work through the talents and knowledge of meteorologists, naturalists, engineers, and visionaries as they seek to find ways to renew the health of this planet. Grant that seedtime and harvest, sun and rain produce

bountiful harvests that we all rejoice in Your many blessings. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord over all, as You foretold, often we “will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice,” so we see injustice, oppression, constant warfare, and unrest in many nations. Raise up wise leaders intent on serving their citizens, police and first responders focused on maintaining the peace, and armed forces determined to reestablish calm. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Savior, by the faith given us by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb, who will end mourning, crying, and pain. Before we enter that time of rejoicing, we bring the petitions of people near and dear to us as they call out in sorrow, through tears and enduring pain, [*especially . . .*]. As fits Your gracious plans, give them peace, joy, and relief. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting that You have heard us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Offering

To limit the contact of surfaces, your offerings and prayer requests may be placed in the wooden box on the way to the communion rail.

+ SACRAMENT +

The Preparation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary

Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Hymnal P178



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Hymnal Back Cover

People: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death
until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reception

♪ Distribution Songs ♪

Create In Me a Clean Heart
The Love of God

Hymnal p.192
All

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

God's angels are watching over me.
Taking care of many things
That I don't even see
Thank You, Lord, for watching over me.

Jesus saved my life for good
When He hung upon a cross
And sacrificed His blood
Thank You, Lord, You saved my life for good

The love of God unites in victory
Giving life, to us all
For eternity
Thank You, God, for love eternally

Musical Interlude

God's Spirit guides us as we walk
Bringing to remembrance
All that Jesus taught
Thank You, Lord, for guidance as we walk

The love of God unites in victory
Giving life, to us all
For eternity
Thank You, God, for love eternally

Post Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction

♪ Closing Song ♪ **From Heaven Above to Earth I Come** Vv. 1,3,7,8,10,13
Hymn #358

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives to us in this meal not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim Jesus death and resurrection until He comes again. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that noted above and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23-24.; 10:32-33.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. In preparation to reception of the Lord's Supper I invite you to consider these 4 questions: Am I a sinner? Am I sorry for my sin? Do I believe Jesus meets me with His body and blood and forgives me at this meal? Do I desire to live turning from my sin and walking in His ways?

Serving Him this week as...

Worship Leader	Pastor Carlos Hernandez
Elders	Eric Baer , Bruce Betts, Gary Kilbourne, Kyle Swan Jim Rowe, Drew Wilson, and Roger Zittel
Musician	Mount Olive Gospel Group
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Service with Communion

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am. We will be following current county mandates regarding face masks at our indoor worship services.

If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at www.mountolivefolsom.com.

Bible Study

Men - Saturday at 8am in Fellowship Hall - Gary Kilbourne 916-203-7556

Women - Tuesday at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall - Inge Rhodes 916-983-0351

All - Sunday at 9am in the Annex - Kyle Swan 916-642-5810

VBS Registration is open!!

VBS is back and will be held Monday, June 13 to Friday June 17 from 9am-12p.

The rainforest is a wild place. To make it through this unknown world safely, kids need a guide who can keep them on the right path. Kids will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and in life. He leads us to the treasure of eternal life, and He'll never leave us!

Register at <https://vbsmate.com/events/mtolivefolsom/23438> or on the Mt. Olive website.

LWML

The ladies of the LWML would like to thank the members of the congregation for participating in our "Cookie Walk" last Sunday. We appreciate your support! Thanks to you we were able to make a sizable contribution to Mt. Olive Youth for their trip to the National Youth Gathering.

LWML Mite News-All California, Nevada, and Hawaii grants for the 2020-2022 biennium have been funded. Mt. Olive LWML wishes to thank you for your support with mites. Please continue to save your mites for the upcoming grants that will be voted on at the LWML convention June 10-12 at Sparks, Nevada. If interested in attending the convention please contact Lana Sullivan.

LWML meets the second Saturday of the month at 10am in the F2 classroom.

Therapeutic Stretch Class

If you have aches or pains, join me at my THERAPEUTIC STRETCH CLASS! We will start with a fifteen-minute devotional using Jesus Calling and prayer and end with the evening devotional from Jesus Calling. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you have one. This class is free. If you have any questions, please call Jo Wazac 530-601-8251

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FOR MAY:

May 12 @ 3:30

No classes on May 19 and 26 but classes will continue as usual in June.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Please continue to pray for Mia, the daughter of Mary Comstock (Office Manager) who sustained her third and worst concussion in four years last week. Please pray for no lasting effects or damage and that she heals completely.

Former member, Joy Steinkraus, is requesting prayers for her husband, Ray. He is hospitalized where he had surgery due to a gallstone lodged in a bile duct that created sepsis. He was very near death but is now recovering. Joy is there with him. Please pray for full healing and comfort and strength for both Joy and Ray.

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.