

April 22, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ 8:30 AM

*God's house shall be filled with music, with song, with praise and prayer,
and the burdens of life shall be lifted from all who enter here.*

WELCOME

FOCUS SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 17:11, 13 pg. 314

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PRAISE Youth Praise

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patty Dutton

PRAYER AND PRAISE

OFFERING Youth Praise

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD 1 Kings 17:8-24 pg. 313

SERMON *Daring Compassion* John Dutton

CLOSING SONG Youth Praise

BENEDICTION

*Prayer: If you would like someone to pray with you, feel free to come to the front during the closing song. Our pastor and lay prayer partners will appreciate the opportunity to join with you in prayer.

The reading this week reveals God's power to heal and transform. Both Elijah and Jesus show daring compassion as they minister to those condemned by many to be on the fringes of society. As we encounter such faithful witness to God's love, we continue to learn what it means to hear and follow God

1. The story of Elijah, the great prophet of Israel, begins in 1 Kings 17. The work of a biblical prophet was to discern what God was saying and speak that word to the people – sometimes in dramatic action, sometimes in the transformation of ordinary everyday things. Elijah lived in the northern kingdom of Israel in the 9th century BCE, at a time when King Ahab, influenced by his Phoenician wife Jezebel, seemed to be encouraging elements of pagan worship in Israel. In Jewish tradition, Elijah is considered second only to Moses in importance.

2. Elijah, as prophet of Yahweh, is in conflict with the prophets of the rain god Baal. The question is: who has the power over creation, Yahweh or Baal? There is drought and famine in Israel, and Elijah proclaims that when Israel is faithful to God, the land prospers. When Israel is unfaithful, disaster comes.

3. Elijah is hungry and asks the woman for bread and water. Though the widow has very little, out of her incredible scarcity she responds with what she has. As God fed Elijah through the ravens in the wilderness, so God provides now through the widow's gift. God, who has power over creation, transforms her small remaining portion into an unlimited supply of flour and oil. Ordinary things become life-giving

4. God uses those who dare to say "yes."

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Byron Sawyer's 80th birthday** by his family.

11:00 AM

*As you prepare for worship, enter the Sanctuary in reverence, worship in the spirit of humility.
And leave it not without a prayer to God for yourself, for those who minister, and for those who worship here.*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Tommy Midgett

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CALL TO WORSHIP "More About Jesus" Chancel Choir

*HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 454

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed No. 881

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patty Dutton

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIPPING WITH GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" Tommy Midgett

*Doxology No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM "Sinner Saved By Grace" Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 17:8-24 pg. 313

SERMON *Daring Compassion* John Dutton

*HYMN "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1-4) No. 57

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Here I Am, Lord" (Refrain) No. 593

*POSTLUDE "The Gift of Love" Tommy Midgett

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO WITNESS AND SERVE GOD

*PLEASE STAND AS ABLE

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

Corner of Ananias Dare and Essex Streets
Manteo, N. C. 27954



Established 1887

As Disciples of Christ, we will passionately follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as we unite to promote and nurture spiritual growth among all God's Children.

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Ministers – All

Aletia Goudy – Administrative Assistant
Kim Head – Director of Children’s Ministry
Tommy Midgett – Organist
Dana Thomason – Nursery Attendant

John Dutton – Pastor

Ann Payne – Church Treasurer
Nathan Schierer – Director of Music
John Wescott – Custodian
Angie Basnight – Nursery Attendant

Preschool, Afterschool & Seasonal Summer Day Camp

Shon Ballance Lee – Director Scarlett Clarke – Assistant
Christie Daniels - Assistant De-Ann Bateman – Treasurer

<p>NURSERY is located on the first floor. Need help finding our nursery? Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today’s Nursery</u> 8:30 Paula Oliver 9:45 Angie Basnight 11:00 Allison Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Week’s Nursery – April 29</u> 8:30 Liz Brown 9:45 Dana Thomason ~11:00 Paula Donaghy</p>	<p>WORSHIP BAGS are available when there is not Children’s Church. They can be found by the front entrance. Please return the worship bag at the end of service so we can continue to provide more items.</p> <p>CHILDREN’S CHURCH is offered upstairs in the purple room ‘200’ during the service today. Children’s Church is where children Preschool – 3rd grade are invited to worship God on their level.</p>
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Mount Olivet Preschool & Afterschool ~ 8:15- Noon ~ 2:30 - 5:30 PM

Sun	April 22	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Praise Team Warm Up & Prayer for Services Contemporary Service Sunday School Traditional Service Scholarship Interviews Faith Friends Youth Sunday Night Youth Praise
Mon	April 23	6:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men’s Reunion Group meets in Room “C” Girl Scouts Men’s Monday Night Bible Study in Room “A”
Tue	April 24	4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Grief Share in the Library Kitchen Committee Meeting in the Kitchen
Wed	April 25	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting <u>in the Church Library</u> High School Bible Study @ The Cove
Thurs	April 26	7:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Youth Breakfast Resounding Praise Chancel Choir NA - ends 9:00 PM
Fri	April 27		

Budget at a glance

Received April 15, 2018 - \$13,757.90 Needed Weekly - \$11,911.10 Needed to date - \$178,666.50
Received to date - \$163,899.91 Year to date Budget Deficit – (\$14,766.59)