

Welcoming & Greeting

(Please Stand or Rise in Posture)

Good morning & welcome Church, today is the 2nd Sunday after Easter, Our hope and encouragement for you today is to meet you right where you are and help you take the next steps on your spiritual journey, regardless of your present condition and/or past. Please let us know how we can best serve you and your family, by connecting with myself or the Pastor after the service.

Please prepare your souls as we open in prayer.

(A Brief Moment of Silence)

Call to Worship

L: We have been freed!

P: Fear and death have no claim on us!

L: Christ the Lord is risen!

P: Even though we have not touched his wounded hands, yet we believe.

L: Even though we have not heard him speak our names, yet we believe.

P: Let us celebrate God's love through the life of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Opening Prayer *(Unison)*

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

(Please Be Seated)

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

(Please Stand or Rise in Posture)

Hymn #1: *"Tell Me the Story"* #76 RB

(Welcome Your Neighbor)

(Please Be Seated)

Business and Announcements

(Please silence all cell phones/tablets/games)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Prayer, Joys & Personal Reflection *(Lead By the Pastor)*

(A Time of Silence, Reflection & Personal Confession)

(Altar is Open for Prayer)

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Let the stone of ignorance, stubbornness and fear be rolled away from your heart. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Know that his love is poured out for you, for your healing. Be at peace and Rejoice! AMEN.

Offering

(Please Stand or Rise in Posture)

Doxology: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

Offertory Prayer

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

Praise Video/Song #2: *"Lord of the Dance"* #276 UMH

(Tying of the Quilts)

Children's Message

(Please Stand or Rise in Posture for the Reading of God's Word)

Scripture Reading(s): Acts 9: 1-19

(Please Be Seated)

Today's Message: *"Persevering in a Tough World - Part 1 of III"*

Pastor Harold Long

Song of Sending: *"Here I am Lord"* #593 UMH

Benediction

Lord of mercy, be with us as we go from this place today. Fill our lives with your love. Help us to bring the good news of hope and peace wherever we go. Let us truly be people of the Resurrection - the Easter people! AMEN.

Postlude: *(Now go in peace to love & serve the Lord)*

Durham UMC Connect Card

Drop this in the offering plate or give to a greeter if you have a prayer Concern or want us to connect with you.

Name (include children) _____

Contact Updates:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

First time guest _____

Returning Visitor _____

I would like to learn more about:

Sunday School _____

Kids Activities _____

Ways to Serve _____

Communication Corner

Check here to sign up for: _____

Weekly bulletin e-mail _____

Monthly newsletter _____

Prayer chain text _____

Prayer Requests:

I want only the Pastor to see this _____

I would like the Pastor and prayer team to see this _____

Prayer Request:

Connect me with . . .

Connecting with God

- Coffee with Pastor Harold Long
- I am interested in being part of the Choir and/or Praise Band

Equipping Christians

I am interested in a small Group

- weekly day of week
- Monthly

Hosting small group

Safe Sanctuary Training

- *Serve in Nursery
 - *Assist with kids worship
 - *Assist in VBS
 - *Lend or Assist with projects/activities/trips for youth
- (*must have Safe Sanctuary Training)

Supporting Community

- I would like to be in rotation for the nursery Sunday worship service.
- I would like Pastoral Counseling

Sharing with the world

- I would like to share special music.
- Senior Citizen Dinner
- Durham Harvest Sale
- Ice Cream Social
- Fish Fry
- Soup Supper
- Pancake Breakfast
- Prison Ministry/Outreach
- Walk to Emmaus
- VIM (Volunteers in Mission)
- Nursing Home/Home Bound
- Serve on Board

**Please Visit the church website at www.mtolivetcharge.org
Or contact the church office at 573-769-3948**

Prayer Concerns

Parish: Our Nation and Leaders, Janet Casbier, Jaunita Griesbaum, Bill Griesbaum, Dana Reid, Harold Long

Durham: Sherry Bain, Steve Bugh, Bill Buckner, Keith Clow, Earl Feldkamp, Armenia Giesendorfer, Donna Godman, Terry Goings, Delbert Hoteling, Bill Konigmark, Clem Kroeger, Don Maddox, Elaine Mangold, Edna McMullen, Frank McMullin, Trudy Roberts, Rusty Schultz, Nadine Smith, Hazel Smyser Family, Dennis Stutheit, Terry Weiwel,

Nursing Home Members & Homebound

Members: Bruce Burkhalter, Jerry & Kaye Carpenter, Wilma Chipman, Reghnald Eichor, Lucretia Hinton, John Krietmeyer, Marie Lange, Betty Morrison, David & Donna Stice, Arnold Tiemann, Mary Yakley, Wanda Yager

Our Servicemen: Sean Burkhardt, Cody Burkhardt, Brennan Church, Matt Crane, Dean Cooper, Michael Donelson, Morgan Goehl, Jonathan Grawe, Levi Lockett, Scott Morton, Rob Piesen, Dessa Robertson, Jessie Shuck, Nathaniel Seiz, Ryan Ward, Matt Wealer, Cameron Wilson

Parish Calendar of Events

- 8. Durham Senior Citizen Dinner 12:30 pm
 - 14. Women in Ministry 9 am
 - 15. Graduation Sunday at Mt Olivet during Breakfast for Keetan, Lorna, Emily & Teagan
 - 17. Maple Lawn Services 6:30 pm
 - 19. Mt Olivet Bd Meeting 6 pm
 - 22. Charge Youth Group 12:30-2:30 pm
 - 22. Finance Committee Meeting 12:30 pm
 - 29. Durham 5th Sunday Supper
- May**
- 4. LaGrange Bingo Night 6:30 pm
 - 4. Durham Fish Fry 4 pm
 - 6. Country Aire Service 2 pm
 - 10. Durham Bd Meeting 7 pm
 - 12. Women in Ministry 9 am
 - 13. Mt Olivet Breakfast
 - 15. Maple Lawn Services 6:30 pm
 - 18. LaGrange Bingo Night 6:30 pm
 - 24. Mt Olivet Bd Meeting 7 pm

April

Birthdays & Anniv.

- 7. Darcy Mannigel
- 10. Janie Triplett, Trudy Roberts
- 11. David & Becky Mannigel (a)
- 12. Kent Coleman, Aaron Stutheit
- 13. Paige Sharkey
- 15. Jerry Carpenter, Brent Rosencrans
- 17. Sarah Kinkead
- 18. James Spratt
- 19. Duane & Barb Taylor (a)
- 20. Shari Mangold, John & Vicki Stiffy (a)
- 22. Jeff Lair, Janet Jones, Ron & Donna Pickett (a)
- 23. Lacey Miller
- 25. Becky Sparrow, Bill Cason
- 27. Dennis & LeaAnn Waters (a)
- 28. Luke Kinkead
- 29. Syla Grace Getz
- 30. Drew Smith, Steve Johnston, Sherry Bain

Pastor	Harold Long
Accompanists.....	Marge Durst
Acolyte.....	Drew Smith
Ushers	Robert Clow & Drew Smith
Greeter	Terry Goings
Furnace	Delbert Hoteling

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April 8, 2018
Our Mission To Connect, Grow, and Serve**

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