



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2018



**Prelude** "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. by Ron Mallory

## Westminster Peal

**Gathering as the Children of God** Elder Mary McClurg

Leader: Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

**People:** *Jesus will offer hope.*

Leader: Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

**People:** *Jesus will bring us healing.*

Leader: Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

**People:** *Jesus will teach us new ways to live. Amen.*

† **Opening Hymn No. 454** "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

**Prayer of Confession** (unison) Elder McClurg

*We think we know so much, O God, and with our meager knowledge we presume to judge others. We arrogantly announce our own righteousness without a compassionate thought. We proclaim your word when it suits us and often only to those with whom we want to associate. We shut others out because of our faulty judgment and our blindness. There have been so many times in which our humble help would have been a blessing to someone, but we have placed our comforts before serving others. In the competing voices of today's world, we have turned around and around, trying to find the way to live. Help us, merciful God, to again listen to you. Help us to truly open our hearts to you. Remind us again of your great love and presence in our lives. Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness. Create in us new spirits, filled with your love, offering peace and hope to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon** Elder McClurg

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

**People:** *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† **Response** "Glory to the Father" (hymn no. 567)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.*



**Prayer for Illumination**

Elizabeth Small

"Glory to the Father," or the Gloria Patri, is an ancient form of praise to the three persons of the Trinity. Despite countless musical variations, the simple form and meaning of the Gloria Patri has been relatively unchanged since the fifth or sixth century.

## Responsive Scripture Lesson Psalm 111 - The Message Bible Elizabeth Small

Leader: Hallelujah! I give thanks to God with everything I've got.

**People:** **Wherever good people gather, and in the congregation.**

Leader: God's works are so great, worth a lifetime of study - endless enjoyment!

**People:** **Splendor and beauty mark his craft; His generosity never gives out.**

Leader: His miracles are his memorial - This God of Grace, this God of Love.

**People:** **He gave food to those who fear him, He remembered to keep his ancient promise.**

Leader: He proved to his people that he could do what he said: Hand them the nations on a platter - a gift!

**People:** **He manufactures truth and justice; All his products are guaranteed to last - Never out-of-date, never obsolete, rust-proof. All that he makes and does is honest and true.**

Leader: He paid the ransom for his people. He ordered his Covenant kept forever.

**People:** **God is so personal and holy, worthy of our respect.**

Leader: The good life begins in the fear of the Lord. Do that and you'll know the blessing of God.

**ALL:** **God's hallelujah lasts forever!**

## Anthem/Special Music

*"O Worship the King"*

by J. Michael Haydn, Robert Grant, arr. by Kenneth Pool

*O worship the King all glorious above, and gratefully sing His power and His love;*

*Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,*

*Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*O tell of His might! O sing of His grace!*

*Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.*

*His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,*

*And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*Thy bountiful care, what tongues 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.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail. In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail;*

*Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end!*

*Our maker, defender, redeemer and friend! Amen!*

## Scripture Lesson (p. 33NT)

Mark 1:21:28

Rev. Susan Haynes

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

What's Next

Rev. Haynes

## † Affirmation of Faith

from the Westminster Confession of Faith

***The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word: by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened. The principal acts of saving faith are, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by***

J. Michael Haydn, brother of Franz Joseph Haydn, was an Austrian composer who lived during the eighteenth century. As a boy, he was a soprano in an early iteration of the Vienna Boys' Choir, became an organist of note as a teenager, and began his lengthy career as the concertmaster in Salzburg at the age of 25. Haydn was contemporaries with Mozart in Salzburg, each holding mutual respect for the other; Mozart even cast Haydn's wife in two of his operas. As a composer, J. Michael was prolific writing for sacred and secular purposes, but has been historically eclipsed by his older brother.

*virtue of the covenant of grace. This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.*



† **Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Haynes

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.*

† **Hymn No. 427**

*"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"*

**Church Family Life**

Rev. Haynes

*Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row.*

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Ricardo Green



**Moved by the Spirit**

February Communion Offering

Elizabeth Small

**Offering**

Offertory

*"Abide with Me"*

arr. by Jason Krug

† **Response**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

The Doxology

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Green

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

† **Closing Hymn No. 428**

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregational Response**

*"Amen"*

(hymn no. 586)

† **Postlude**

*"Improvisation"*

by Nick Johns-Cooper

Benediction, from the Latin words "to speak well," is a short invocation for divine blessing, help, and guidance. Benedictions have been a part of the liturgical makeup of worship services since very early in Christian history and have been practiced widely in both eastern and western branches of Christianity. In Presbyterian worship services, benedictions typically happen at the closing of the worship service and are sometimes accompanied by a charge to the congregation as it is sent from worship into the world to serve.

† Those who are able, please stand

**Wholehearted worship is our goal for everyone in the congregation.** To make this possible for parents, we provide child care for young children from 8:45 am - 12:15 pm. We welcome children and encourage their participation in worship. During the sermon (at the 11:00 am service), elementary aged children are welcome to participate in activities in the Chapel and then return to the sanctuary after the sermon. For infants and younger children, childcare is available in the Nursery, which is located downstairs (Rm 120).

## **MVPC Mission Statement**

### **Blessed to Be a Blessing**

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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