



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018



Prelude

"Le Banquet Céleste"

by Olivier Messiaen

Westminster Peal

Choral Call to Worship:

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

by George Hunt Smyttan, Martin Herbst

*Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
Keep, O keep us, Savior dear; ever constant by your side,
That with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Katherine Koops

One: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

All: *Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.*

One: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

All: *Lord, guide our steps.*

One: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

All: *Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. Amen.*

† **Opening Hymn No. 166**

"The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Elder Koops

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the temples of our lives with so many unnecessary things that we have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our own situation and have spent much time and energy worrying about the disorder we have created. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Koops

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

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

† **Response** "Glory Be to the Father" (hymn no. 579)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.



Prayer for Illumination Rev. Ricardo Green

Scripture Lesson Psalm 19 Rev. Green

Anthem/Special Music "He Comes to Us as One Unknown"
 by Timothy Dudley-Smith, C.H.H. Parry, arr. John Ferguson

*He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
 As though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
 A pulse of being stirred.
 He comes when souls in silence lie of thoughts of day depart;
 Half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within
 the heart,
 He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;
 Yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
 a voice to call us home,
 He comes, he comes, by flesh and blood and birth in love;
 to bear within our mortal frame
 A life, a death, a saving name, for every child of earth.
 He comes when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
 The Christ in the Scriptures as yet unseen, but not unknown, our Savior,
 our Lord.*

Time with the Children Rev. Susan Haynes

See children's options on back of bulletin

Scripture Lesson John 2:13-22 Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Journeying with Jesus: Housecleaning" Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith** From the Second Helvetic Confession
*For Christ took upon himself and bore the sins of the world, and satisfied
 divine justice. Therefore, solely on account of Christ's sufferings and
 resurrection God is propitious with respect to our sins and does not
 impute them to us, but imputes Christ's righteousness to us as our own, so
 that now we are not only cleansed and purged from sins or are holy, but
 also, granted the righteousness of Christ, and so absolved from sin, death
 and condemnation, are at last righteous and heirs of eternal life. Properly
 speaking, therefore, God alone justifies us, and justifies only on account of
 Christ, not imputing sins to us but imputing his righteousness to us.*

Born on January 27, 1941, John Ferguson is an American organist, composer, and teacher. Receiving his doctorate from the Eastman School of Music, Ferguson has served on the faculties of Kent State University, St. Olaf College, the University of Notre Dame and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. He is an active choral composer and is frequently invited to design and lead hymn festivals for congregations and professional gatherings.

Imputed righteousness is the Protestant Christian doctrine that a sinner is declared righteous by God purely by God's grace through faith in Christ, and thus all depends on Christ's merit and worthiness, rather than on one's own merit and worthiness. By grace through faith, Christ's righteousness is ascribed to the faithful instead of the individual's righteousness alone.

† Passing of the Peace

Rev. Haynes

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.



† Hymn No. 8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Church Family Life

Rev. Haynes

Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row. If you are a visitor, we invite you to visit our information center located in the narthex.



Moved by the Spirit

Clifton Homeless Shelter

Elizabeth Small

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right...sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy...mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out...as we join our voices in the prayer you taught us:

Our Father... hymnal pg.16)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Rev. Haynes

Offertory

"Menuet"

from Sonata in B Minor, H. XVI: 32 by Joseph Hadyn

As we receive communion this morning, the pastor will invite the congregation to partake in the sacrament. Please follow the row in front of you and proceed down the middle aisles. If you prefer gluten free bread, please take from the pastor serving in the middle. When receiving communion, you may respond with "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or in silence. After partaking from the bread and cup, please leave your cup with the elder holding the empty tray and return to your seat up the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand and someone will serve you.

† **Response**

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Green

† **Closing Hymn No. 482**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregational Response**

"Amen"

(hymn no. 588)

† **Postlude**

"Presto"

from Sonata in B Minor, H. XVI: 32 by Joseph Hadyn

† Those who are able, please stand

Worship Enrichment. Worship Enrichment is led by Carrie Southard at the 11:00 service after the children's time. Children, K - 5th grade, are invited to join Carrie in the chapel for worship enrichment activities. The children will return to their parents during the Hymn following the "Passing of the Peace." Children 4 years and younger who opt to attend 11:00 worship until the children's time, will depart for childcare to Room 120 for the remainder of the service.



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.



Giving to MVPC is easy online

<http://mvpchurch.org/index.php/donate/>

MVPC Staff

Rev. Susan Haynes, Interim Pastor
TJ Shirley, Minister of Worship & Arts
Elizabeth Small, Dir. of Youth Ministry
Rev. Ricardo Green, Pastor of Spanish Ministries
Nick Johns-Cooper, Organist

Lillianette Cook, Handbell Choir Director
Steve Ray, Church Finance & Operations
Jill Thompson, Administrative Assistant
Yvonne White, Financial Secretary
Lauren McClintock, Communications & Membership Coord.