



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 21, 2018



## Prelude

*"All My Hope on God is Founded"*  
Guest Organist: Julie Bunn

arr. by Burkhardt

## Westminster Peal

## Choral Call to Worship

*"Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator"*

by Tilly Lubis, David Diephouse, Batak Melody arr. H.A. Pandopo

***Give to God all glory and honor. From depths to the heights let praises resound to the Lord, the source of strength and salvation for all people on whom God's favor is found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!***

## Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Heidi Nelson

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

**All: *Before we move or think or speak, you know our actions and our words.***

One: You breathed life into us, and shaped us in human form to serve your purpose and sing your praise.

**All: *We praise you for the gifts of substance and spirit, of acceptance and expectancy, of lineage and legacy.***

One: How wonderful are your thoughts, O God!

**All: *How vast is the expanse of your grace and love!***

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: *The Lord's name be praised!***

## † Opening Hymn No. 345

*"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Nelson

***Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

## Assurance of Pardon

Elder Nelson

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.***

For the first line of the opening hymn, we will sing the optional lyrics printed near the bottom of the page in the hymnal.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Ricardo Green

**Scripture Lesson** (p. 810OT)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Rev. Green

**Scripture Reflection**

Rev. Mary Jane Cornell

**Anthem/Special Music**

*"The Shepherd Hath Come"*

Traditional Welsh Melody/Sarah Doudney, arr. by TJ Shirley

*The Shepherd hath come, and He calls us to follow,  
 The track of the footprints He leaves on our way;  
 Far over the mountain and through the deep hollow,  
 The path leads us on to creation's new day.  
 The Shepherd hath called us, the flock of his keeping,  
 To walk alongside Him, His care close at hand;  
 We love Him and seek Him, we long to be near Him,  
 And rest in the light of His beautiful land.  
 The Shepherd hath called us; the road may be dreary,  
 And dangers and sorrows are strewn on the track.  
 But God's Holy Spirit shall comfort the weary;  
 We follow the Savior and cannot turn back;  
 The Shepherd hath called us though doubt and temptation  
 May compass our journey, we cheerfully sing:  
 "Press onward, look upward," though much tribulation;  
 The children of Zion must follow their King.  
 The Shepherd hath called us, in life's early morning,  
 With spirits as fresh as the dew on the sod:  
 The Shepherd hath called us, His sons and His daughters,  
 We plead for his blessing and trust in His love,  
 And through the green pastures, beside the still waters,  
 He'll lead us at last to His Kingdom above.*

Today's anthem features a Welsh melody popularly referred to as Ash Grove. The melody, which is ancient, was most commonly used as a tune for folk harpists. In the late 18th and early 19th century, lyricists began adding words to the tune and continue to create many versions of the song into the present day.

**Scripture Lesson** (p. 32NT)

Mark 1:4-10

Rev. Cornell

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Twirling

Rev. Cornell

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

Elizabeth Small

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***



† **Passing of the Peace**

Elizabeth Small

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. 426**

*"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"*

**Church Family Life**

Rev. Susan Haynes

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

**Prayers of the People**

Elizabeth Small



**Moved by the Spirit**

Ordination and Installation of 2018 Elders

Rev. Haynes

*Ordained: Rita Sheffey, MacKenzie Truitt, Mary Lea Woods*

*Installed: Charlie Gray, Quinton Fisher*

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

Rev. Haynes

***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.***

**Offering**

Offertory

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

arr. by Bish

† **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. 466**

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

† **Benediction**

Rev. Cornell

† **Congregational Response**

*"Amen"*

(hymn no. 586)

† **Postlude**

*"In Thee is Gladness"*

arr. by Burkhardt

“Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they “lord it over” the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.” From the 2017-2019 PC (USA) Book of Order.

† 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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