



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 2018



**Prelude**                      *"I Love You, Lord"*                      by Laurie Klein, arr. by Kevin McChesney

## Westminster Peal

### Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Gill Hutt

One: Today we step up a little higher on our Lenten Journey,

**All: We are moving from contemplation to action.**

One: We are ready to take our next step.

**All: Yes, we are ready. The cross is before us.**

One: Come, let us walk together on this journey to the cross.

**All: Lord, prepare our hearts and our spirits for this next step. Amen.**

† **Opening Hymn No. 84**                      *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Elder Hutt

***Guiding Lord, even though we have hesitated on our journey, we vowed to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the cross. Today we face the challenges which true commitment brings. We would like to think that we are willing to offer our whole selves to you in service, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the cross. Amen.***

### Assurance of Pardon

Elder Hutt

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

**Anthem/Special Music**

*"Is There Anybody Here?"*

arr. by Roland M. Carter  
Antoine Griggs, Baritone

*Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus, anybody here who loves my Lord?  
I want to know if you love my Jesus, I want to know if you love my Lord,  
When I was blind and could not see King Jesus brought the light to me,  
And when every star refuse to shine, I know King Jesus will be mine!...  
O brethren this world is a wilderness of woe, so let us all to Glory go,  
Yes religion is like a blooming rose and none but him who feels it knows  
That none but the righteous... shall see God.  
If there's anybody here who loves my Jesus? Say Amen if you love my Lord!*

**Time with the Children**

Rev. Susan Haynes

*See children's options on back of bulletin*

**Scripture Lesson** (p. 41NT)

Mark 8:31-38

Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Journeying with Jesus: Discipleship"

Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith** from the Westminster Larger Catechism

***Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they, whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are, in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole person after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise into newness of life.***

† **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.*

The "Time with the Children" is an important part of the liturgy of Mount Vernon Presbyterian's worship services. During this time, we speak to children on their level and apply scripture and theology to their young lives. It is specifically designed for our younger worshipers to be given the opportunity to be active and full participants in praising God and hearing God's Word.

"In 1647, the Scottish General Assembly adopted the Westminster Standards for use in the church, replacing the Scots Confession of 1560 and the Heidelberg Catechism. The standards came to New England with the Puritans (Independents) and to the Middle Atlantic states with the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. In 1729, the standards were adopted as the confessional position of the newly organized Presbyterian synod in the colonies and have played a formative role in American Presbyterianism ever since." From the PC(USA) Book of Confessions



† Hymn No. 391

*"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

**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.*

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Green



**Offering**

Offertory

*"What Wondrous Love is This"*

arr. by Kevin McChesney

† **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 and the 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. 357**

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregational Response**

*"Amen"*

(hymn no. 588)

† **Postlude**

*"Improvisation"*

by Nick Johns-Cooper

"What Wondrous Love is This" is a Christian folk hymn whose text originated in the American south in the early 1800s among the camp meetings of the Second Great Awakening. The tune of the hymn predates the text by at least 200 years. It was most popularly known as the tune for "The Ballad of Captain Kidd" which told of the pirate's exploits, but was repurposed for Christian worship like many other popular tunes of that era.

† 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.



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