



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 13, 2018



Our guest organist today is Dr. Kenneth Sass. Dr. Sass holds a Bachelor of Music from Westminster Choir College and a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Michigan.

Prelude

"Now Thank We All Our God BWV 657"

by J. S. Bach

Westminster Peal

Choral Call to Worship

"What is This Place?"

by Huub Oosterhuis, David Smith, and Bernard Huijbers

*What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives, when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.
Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed:
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place where we can receive what we need to increase God's justice and peace.*

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Gill Hutt

One: We are called together this day to praise God.

All: We ask that God will put us in pathways to service to others.

One: The Lord will walk with us as we faithfully witness to Christ's love.

All: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your words and will.

One: Come, let us worship God!

All: Let us sing our praises to God our Redeemer and Healer. Amen.

† Opening Hymn No. 491

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Hutt

O God of people and nations, we are ignorant and arrogant about our own prosperity and might. When we forget how much we have, remind us of our abundance. When we take pride in our status and think ourselves better than others, grant us humility. When we use wealth and power to get our own way at the expense of others, correct us. Heal us, we pray, that we may be a force for wholeness. With all that we have, we pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Hutt

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† Response

"Gloria, Gloria"
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

(hymn no. 576)



Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

Anthem/Special Music

"Canon of Peace"

by Melchior Franck and Hal H. Hopson

*O God of love and peace, may hate and war throughout the world now cease.
In your mercy hear us.*

† **Scripture Lesson** (p. 180 NT)

Galatians 6:7-10

Elizabeth Small

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Show Up!

Elizabeth Small

† **Affirmation of Faith**

From the Scots Confession

The cause of good works, we confess, is not our free will, but the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, who dwells in our hearts by true faith, brings forth such works as God has prepared for us to walk in... For as soon as the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, whom God's chosen children receive by true faith, takes possession of the heart of any person, so soon does God regenerate and renew God's children, so that they begin to hate what before they loved, and to love what they hated before.



† **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. 323**

"Loving Spirit"

Church Family Life

Elizabeth Small

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.

Born June 12, 1933, Hal Hopson is a full-time composer and church musician who lives in Cedar Park, Texas. Hopson has published over 1000 works encompassing virtually every form of church music. Several of his hymns are featured in the Presbyterian Hymnal and Glory to God.



Moved by the Spirit

Presbyterian Homes of Georgia

Ann Williams and Wendy Hagenau

Offering

Offertory

“Sketch”

by Carl Parrish

† 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

TJ Shirley

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. 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

† Benediction

Elizabeth Small

† Congregational Response

“Amen”

(hymn no. 587)

† Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God Op. 65, No. 59”

by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Martin Rinkart, the author of the lyrics of “Now Thank We All Our God,” was the Bishop of Eilenberg, Germany during the Thirty Years’ War. While Eilenberg was under siege during the war, Rinkart was the only clergyman left, leaving him to perform as many as 50 funerals daily. Despite the many hardships, Rinkart was able to pen seven liturgical dramas and 66 hymns.

† 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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