



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 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

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

arr. by Linda R. Lamb

Westminster Peal

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Donna Martin

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

All: *For God has done wondrous things for us.*

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

All: *For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!*

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

All: *Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. Amen.*

† Opening Hymn No. 127

"Come, O Spirit"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Elder Martin

Lord God, the world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Martin

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

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

† Response

"Gloria, Gloria"

(hymn no. 576)

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

The installation of doves was created by Clarice Elder. During the summer, we will leave the doves and the Pentecost banners up to remind us of the Spirit's work through our mission at MVPC.

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Ricardo Green

Anthem/Special Music

"Open Your Mouth"

by Ashi Day

Featuring Amy Kiley – Soprano

Open your mouth, for the mute, for the desolate, for the voiceless, for the vulnerable.

Be strong, have courage, and do the work.

Open your mouth, defend the poor, defend the needy;

Plead the case of the poor, plead the case of the needy.

Open your mouth. Be strong, have courage, and do the work.

† Scripture Lesson (p. 180 NT)

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Susan Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Does This Mean?

Rev. Haynes

Mission Commissioning

Rev. Haynes

Leader: Missionaries, do you accept the responsibility of representing Christ on behalf of this congregation in doing God's work close to home and/or in distant places?

Missionaries: I do.

Leader: Will you work to exemplify Christ's teachings by loving one another and by translating Christ's message with excitement and care, turning strangers to friends and friends to brothers and sisters?

Missionaries: I will.

Leader: Will you serve in this special work with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, treasuring your experiences as opportunities to teach and to grow?

Missionaries: I will.

Leader: Do you, the members and friends of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, accept these people as missionaries chosen to extend our Christian love and concern to others?

Congregation: I do.

Leader: Will you support them with your prayers during their ventures and with your interest upon their return, recognizing their special contribution to the work of the Church and their mission as your own?

Congregation: I will.

Leader: Let us pray... Amen.

Congregation: We send you from this sacred place into the world's sacred places. Go with our love, support and prayers. Go with our blessings. Go with our willingness to receive you when you return and with the willingness to change ourselves with the new ideas, inspirations and insights you will share.

Missionaries: Creator God, now give us strength, wisdom and love to work for our Lord Jesus Christ as we serve others nearby and in distant places. Amen.

Leader: You are now commissioned by this part of the body of Christ. Go forth, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God through him. Amen.



† **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. 126** *"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*

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.

Volunteer Recognition Rev. Haynes

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Small



Offering and Pentecost Offering
Offertory *"Shall We Gather at the River"* arr. by Jason W. Krug

† **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. 326** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

† **Benediction** Rev. Haynes

† **Congregational Response** *"Amen"* (hymn no. 587)

† **Postlude** *"Veni Creator Spiritus: en taille à 5" (Come Creator Spirit)*
by Nicolas de Grigny

† Those who are able, please stand

In Memory

Rev. Doyne E. Michie

August 12, 1921 - May 14, 2018

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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