

Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 1, 2018



Prelude "Come as You Are" by Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher © 2014 Featuring Gloria Gillespie

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Gill Hutt

One: Lord, come into our hearts today.

All: Heal us from all our pain.

One: Lord, come into our lives today.

All: Bring us hope and peace.

One: Come, let us worship God who brings hope and peace.

All: Praise be to God for God's healing mercies. Amen.

† **Hymn No. 483** (hymnal)

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Hutt

Merciful Lord, we are so fearful these days. We encounter economic situations which threaten to destroy our lives; we encounter anger, fear and hostility, and we feel as though we are about to drown. We want to place our trust in you, but so many times before, when we have trusted others, we have been let down. Help us to truly trust your mercy and love. Heal and forgive our fears and sins. Open our hearts to receive your mercy and help us to become your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Elder Hutt

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

- 1. Be Thou my Vision, Oh Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- 2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, and I Thy chosen; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
- 3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou only, first in my heart High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art
- 4. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, Oh bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever be-fall, Still be my Vision, Oh Ruler of all.

Scripture Lesson (p. 172 NT)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rich or Rich? Rev. Susan Haynes



† Passing of the Peace

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. 561(hymnal)

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

Church Family Life

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

July Communion Offering

Elizabeth Small

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer after Communion



Offering

Offertory: "Pastorale" excerpt by Cesar Franck

† **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

Elizabeth Small

† "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

by Robert L. Edwards and James H. Wood © 1958, 1961

- 1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
- 2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
- 3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

| Benediction | | Rev. Haynes |
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| Postlude | "Improvisation" | by Nick Johns-Cooper |
| | † Those who are able, please stand | |



MVPC Mission Statement

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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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