



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 22, 2018



## Prelude

*"How Great Thou Art"* by Stuart K. Hine/Arr. Mark Hayes  
Featuring Guest Organist Dr. Won-Hee An

## Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Christy Hill

One: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ -

**All: *Members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.***

One: There are no outsiders here among us,

**All: *No one has any special standing or bragging rights.***

One: For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

**All: *Let's join together in worship!***

† *"How Great Thou Art"*

by Stuart Wesley Keen Hine © 1949 and 1953

*1. Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made  
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Chorus: Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art*

*2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin*

*Chorus*

*3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art*

*Chorus*

† Those who are able, please stand

## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Elder Hill

***Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy building barriers of division between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, Faithful God. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.***

## Assurance of Pardon

Elder Hill

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

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



## Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

† Hymn No. 443 *(hymnal)*

*"O Christ the Great Foundation"*

Scripture Lesson *(p. 474 OT)*

Psalm 23

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

Change without Change

Rev. Susan Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith

From the Confession of 1967

***To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.***



† 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.*

† "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

by Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander, Christy and Nathan Nockels © 2004

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation  
O my soul praise Him for He is Thy Health and Salvation  
All ye who hear, Now to His Temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His Wings Yes so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen How all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His Goodness and Mercy Here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
If with His Love He befriend thee*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound From His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

### **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**

Youth Feed the Homeless

Elizabeth Small

### **Prayers of the People**

Elizabeth Small



### **Offering**

Offertory

*"In the Garden"*

C. Austin Miles/Arr. Mark Hayes

### **† 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**

Elizabeth Small

***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. 539** *(hymnal)*

*"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"*

### **† Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

### **† Postlude**

*"Toccata from Symphony No. 5 Op. 42 No. 1"*

Charles Marie Widor

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† Those who are able, please stand



## 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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