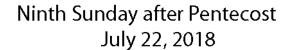


Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day







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

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

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

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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

† 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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