



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 29, 2018



Prelude

Chorus from "Judas Maccabeus"
Featuring Mia Neumann

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Pat Davis

One: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

All: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.

One: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

All: Bring us to the time of healing.

One: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

All: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence. Amen.

† "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

by Brian Doerksen © 1998

*Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, Come*

*One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Davis

You know how we are, Lord. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our time. We even are willing to tell you what we have, but when we look closely, we discover that we bring so little to you. Take what we have, our gifts and our needs. Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey your word. Remind us that you have given to us all that we need to serve you in this world. The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope. Open our eyes to see them and our hearts to know that these are from you and not of our own making. Heal and restore us to your everlasting love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Davis

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† Those who are able, please stand



Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Ricardo Green

† **Hymn No. 251** (*hymnal*)

"Your Faithfulness, O Lord is Sure"

Scripture Lesson (*p. 91 NT*)

John 6:1-21

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Miracles"

Elder Rita Sheffey

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



† **Passing of the Peace**

Elder Sheffey

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

† "Hungry"

by Kathryn Scott © 1999

*1. Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy
I am empty but I know Your love does not run dry*

Pre-chorus: So I wait for You, so I wait for You

*Chorus: I'm falling on my knees offering all of me
Jesus You're all this heart is living for*

2. Broken I run to You for Your arms are open wide
I am weary but I know Your touch restores my life

Pre-chorus/Chorus

Church Family Life

TJ Shirley

*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.*

Prayers of the People

Rev. Green



Offering

Offertory

"Gavotte"

Featuring Piper Neumann

Rev. Green

by J.B. Lully

† 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 Lord's Prayer

Rev. Green

***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. 288 (hymnal)

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

† Benediction

Elder Sheffey

† Postlude

*"Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"
Featuring Guest Organist – Julie Bunn*

Karg-Elert, arr. by Bish

† 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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