



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 8, 2018



Prelude

"Down by the Riverside"
Featuring Don McAdams, Drums

TJ Shirley

Gathering as the Children of God

One: Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

All: Help us to receive God's word and direction for our lives.

One: Proclaim the goodness of God's love!

All: Let our voices and our actions be filled with love.

One: Come, now is the time to worship.

All: Open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits this day, Lord. Amen.

† Hymn No. 361 (hymnal)

"How Firm a Foundation"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, sometimes we fill up our prayers with a lot of "I want", when what we really need to say is "I'm sorry". We are sorry for the ways we have taken your love for granted. We are sorry for the ways we have neglected our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Redeem us, Lord, and guide us to live as your faithful children. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Ricardo Green

Scripture Lesson (pg. 540 OT)

Psalm 123

Rev. Green

† Those who are able, please stand

*Mercy shines like the sun in the morning, Chasing the dark into blue skies
Giving me hope for the day, A new song of praise*

*Mercy falls like the rain down upon me, Taking away all my sorrow
Covering all of my shame, And now I can sing*

*Hallelujah, I'm washed in the blood of the lamb
Hallelujah, I'm forgiven, I am forgiven*

Scripture Lesson (p. 38 NT)

Mark 6:1-13

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Leaving the Baggage Behind

Rev. Susan Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



† **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. 171** (hymnal)

"The King of Love my Shepherd Is"

Prayer after Communion

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.*

Prayers of the People

Rev. Green



Offering

Offertory

"Everlasting Light"

by Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney

† 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

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.

† "We Fall Down"

by Chris Tomlin © 1998

*We fall down we lay our crowns, At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of God's mercy and love, At the feet of Jesus*

*And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
Is the Lamb*

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Postlude

"Pièce Héroïque"

by Cesar Franck

† 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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