



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 5, 2018



## Prelude

*"How I Got Over"*

by Mahalia Jackson

## Gathering as the Children of God

Rev. Susan Haynes

One: Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and heals our lives.

**All: Praise be to God!**

One: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings us from despair to hope.

**All: Praise be to God!**

One: Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and comforts us.

**All: Let us praise God with our whole hearts and souls! Amen.**

† Hymn No. 336 (hymnal)

*"As a Chalice Cast of Gold"*

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Haynes

***God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.***

## Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Haynes

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

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



## Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Ricardo Green

**Scripture Lesson** (pg. 492 OT)

Psalms 51:1-12

Rev. Green

† *"Create in my Heart"*

by Keith Green © 1984

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.*

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† Those who are able, please stand

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.*

**Scripture Lesson** (p. 182 NT)

Ephesians 4:1-16

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Comm(unity)

Rev. 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. 386**(hymnal)

"O for a World"

**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.*

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Lord's Prayer** (hymnal pg. 16)

**Prayer**



**Offering**

Offertory

"Evening Hymn"

by Henry Purcell

Featuring Amy Kiley, Soprano

† **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**

Rev. Green

† *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

by Peter Scholtes © 1966

*We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

*All praise to the Father From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son  
And all praise to The Spirit who makes us one  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Postlude**

*"Heavenly Sunlight"*

by George Harrison Cook, arr. by Mark Hayes

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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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