



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 21, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Gathering Music

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"*

REDMAN MATT / MYRIN JONAS CARL GUSTAF

## GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

† Gathering as the Children of God

One: How are you this morning?

**All:** *It would be easy for us to say "fine, thank you", but the truth is that there are lots of things going on in our lives, lots of time crunches and pressures.*

One: You have come to the right place. Rest for a minute. Take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Just relax and let your heart be open to God's word for you.

**All:** *That sounds good to us.*

One: Feel the healing, soothing power of God's love for you.

**All:** *Lord, we rest our minds, spirits, and hearts in your compassionate love. AMEN.*

† Hymn No. 467

*"How Great Thou Art"*

O STORE GUD

† Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elizabeth Small

*Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love.*

*In the business of our daily life we trample on the poor and needy.*

*In our daily worry and distraction we forget to rest in your presence.*

*Forgive us, God of grace.*

*Let us be reconciled to you and to one another in Christ,  
so that we may declare your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

† Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, hear and trust the good news:

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

† Response (#379, v1)

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

SOLID ROCK

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

### THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Haynes

Scripture

Colossians 1:15-28

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Special Music

*"Phantasie"*

Karlash Vladimir

Matthias Young, Guitar

Dr. Ken Sass, Organ

Sermon

*"A Cosmic Perspective"*

Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith

Excerpted from the Confession of Belhar (PCUSA)

*We believe...*

*that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;*

*that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;*

*that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;  
in that we love one another;*

*that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;*

*that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;*

*that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;*

*have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism,  
eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord,  
work for one cause, and share one hope;*

*together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;*

*that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;  
pray together;*

*together serve God in this world;*

*and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.*

† Hymn No. 182 (see insert)

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

KINGSFOLD

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small

### THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

*"Divertimento"*

Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck

† Doxology (#592)

*"Old Hundredth"*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*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 in temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 363

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

SOJOURNER

† Benediction

† Congregational Response

*"We Will Go Out with Joy"*

*We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.  
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.*

† Postlude

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Op. 7, No. 3*

Paul Manz

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## 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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