

# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

7th Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2019 10:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

**Gathering Music** 

"Indescribable" by Chris Tomlin
From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creations revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming...

(Chorus)

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable, Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night None can fathom...(Chorus)

Incomparable, unchangeable You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same You are amazing God You are amazing God

#### GATHERING

# Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

Matthias Young

† Gathering as the Children of God

One: We bring ourselves to you, O God, as we prepare for worship.

All: We desire to begin and end this hour focused on your awesome presence.

One: We desire to grow in gratitude and devotion to you.

All: Hear us as we lift our praise and thanks as together we worship you, our God.

† Prayer of Confession (unison)

Amy Kiley

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back.

In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us.

We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go.

Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude,

that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

## † Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

Colossians 2:6-19

Prayer for Illumination

Piper Neumann

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Epistle Lesson

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Special Music** 

"Ye People Rend Your Hearts" & "If With All Your Hearts" from Elijah

Matthew Neylon, Tenor Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Sermon

"Learning from Termites"

Rev. 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.

† Hymn No. 372

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Prayers of the People

Rev. Haynes

## THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory "Andante Religioso" from Sonata in B / Major - Op. 65. No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

† 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. 371

"Lift High the Cross"

**CRUCIFER** 

† 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

"Festival Voluntary," Op. 87

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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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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