



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2019
10:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Gathering Music

"Shine" by Ed Roland

First Cup Band

Give me a word, give me a sign. Show me where to look and tell me what will I find.
Lay me on the ground, fly me in the sky.
Show me where to look and tell me what will I find.
Oh, heaven let your light shine down. Oh, heaven let your light shine down.
Love is in the water, love is in the air. Show me where to look and tell me will love be there.
Teach me how to speak, teach me how to share.
Teach me where to go, and tell me will love be there.
I'm gonna let it shine, I'm gonna let it shine. Heaven let your light shine on me!
Heaven let your light shine on me!
Shine on me.

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Wit Truitt

One: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

We come convinced of many things, but trusting very few.

All: *Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place
as we touch that which we cannot see, that which we have not dared to hope.*

† Hymn No. 485

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

† Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Elder Truitt

Your word still rings true, Lord, generation after generation.

You are a God who keeps promises.

*Yet we confess that we would prefer your work to conform to our timeline,
and even better to our desires.*

*And when we are frustrated and yearn for an answer,
our words are often bland and cliché while our faith is in turmoil.*

*Forgive us, O God, for our impatience and our unwillingness to be completely honest, even with you.
Help us to trust you enough to grow into real relationship with you. Amen.*

† Assurance of Pardon

Elder Truitt

One: Friends, believe 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

Elder Truitt

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: *And also with you.*

Please share the peace of Christ with each other.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: *Thanks be to God.*

Special Music

"Flood" by Jars of Clay

First Cup Band

Sermon

Following the Cow Paths

Rev. Abernethy

† 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. 276

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

Prayers of the People

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"I Love You Lord" by Laurie Klein

First Cup Band

† Doxology (#592)

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Small

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. 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

† Benediction

† Congregational Response (#583)

"Amen" by Marty Haugen

† Postlude

"If You But Trust In God To Guide You" BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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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Worship Participants for August 11, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

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Elder - Wit Truitt

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