



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

11th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 25, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "St. Patrick's Breastplate" Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Westminster Peal

## GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Choral Introit "Benedictus Vir" Matthias Young

Gathering as the Children of God Elder David Hill

One: By God's Spirit we were baptized into one body,

**All: and chosen by God for loving service in the world.**

One: Let us sing praises to God for making us partners in Christ's service.

**All: Let us worship God in wonder and joy.**

† Hymn No. 142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

*Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word or deed.*

*We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak.*

*We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.*

*Forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way.*

*By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord...(continue in silent confession)... AMEN.*

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

† Response No. 579 Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with each other.*

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Ted Wardlaw

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*"The Dribbling On and On of Commitment"*

Dr. Wardlaw

† Hymn No. 555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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*Installation of Reverend Barrett Abernethy*

† The Calling of the Church

Ruling Elder John Dodds

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.

***The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world.***

The Church is to be a community of faith,

***entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.***

The Church is to be a community of hope,

***rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation.***

The Church is to be a community of love,

***where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.***

The Church is to be a community of witness,

***pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.***

With all Christians of the Church catholic,

***we affirm that the Church is "one holy, catholic, and apostolic."***

Where Christ is, there is the true Church.

***We affirm that, in the power of the Spirit, the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ as it proclaims and hears the Word of God, administers and receives the Sacraments, and nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ.***

The great ends of the Church are:

***the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;***

***the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;***

***the maintenance of divine worship;***

***the preservation of the truth;***

***the promotion of social righteousness; and***

***the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.***

† 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.*

Constitutional Questions For Pastor

Rev. Jennie Sankey

Constitutional Questions For Congregation

Elder Hill

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

*Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament are invited to welcome Rev. Abernethy*

Charge to the Newly Installed

Rev. Susan Haynes

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Mary Jane Cornell

Special Offering

*The offering today will go to the Presbytery's Pastor's Emergency Support Fund.  
Please give generously.*

**RESPONDING**

Offertory

"Rejoice, Sing and Praise" from *Coronation Anthem, No. 2*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

† Doxology No. 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

Elder Gary Cornell

*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.*

† Closing Hymn No. 343

"Called as Partner's in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"Sevenfold Amen"

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

† Postlude

"Toccata" from *Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F minor, Op. 42, No. 1*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Reverend Barrett Abernethy by the Pastor Nominating Committee.*

### Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 2

Office Closed for Labor Day

Sunday, September 8

9:00am

First Cup Service in the Kirk Center

11:00am

Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Worship Participants for August 25, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Rev. Jennie Sankey, Pleasant Hill, Duluth

Ruling Elder Gary Cornell, Central, Atlanta

Rev. Susan Haynes, Interim, Mount Vernon

Rev. Dr. Ted Wardlaw, President, Austin Seminary

Rev. Mary Jane Cornell, Honorably Retired

Ruling Elder John Dodds, Fayette, Fayetteville

Guest Organist - Donna Maini

Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Elder David Hill



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### MVPC Staff

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