



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2019
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Fantasia in C Major," BWV 570 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" Op. 135a, No. 14 Max Reger (1873-1916)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Elizabeth Small

Moved by the Spirit Presbyterian Women Sarah Chalpan

Introit "O for a Closer Walk with God" William Cowper (1731-1800)

Gathering as the Children of God Pat Bartee

One: We gather today as one family.

All: *We gather to give praise to our God.*

One: Give thanks to the Lord! Call upon his name!

All: *Make known his deeds among the peoples.*

One: Sing praises to him!

All: *Tell of his wondrous works...*

One: Glory in his holy name.

All: *Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!*

† Hymn No. 288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Dear God, we bow our heads before you, confessing that we have often forgotten that we are your people, and that we should speak and act in ways that glorify you.

We let our tempers get the best of us. We judge the people around us and we put others down in order to feel better about ourselves.

Forgive us for not viewing each other through your eyes and seeing the beauty in one another as a result. Help us to always be mindful of the way we interact with others, seeing them as your children.

Thank you that you will forgive us these sins and any others we confess to you—Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: The Psalmist writes that as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. So 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 exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3:1-6

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Shoes, OFF!"

Elizabeth Small

† Hymn No. 324

"Open My Eyes"

OPEN MY EYES

† 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.*

† Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

After each petition, Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."

Congregation will respond with "Hear Our 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.

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Arr. by Edward C. Bairstow

† 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

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 341

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

† Benediction

† Choral Response (#535)

"Go With Us, Lord"

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

† Postlude

"Prelude in G Major," BWV 568

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

In Memory

Rev. Virginia (Jenny) Temple Hammett



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.

Upcoming Events

September 22	3:00pm-7:00pm	La Fiesta in the Park
September 29	7:30am	Fellowship of the Carpenter

Worship Participants for September 15, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy	Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass
Dir. of Congregational Care - Elizabeth Small	Guest Speaker - Sarah Chalpan
Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young	Liturgist - Pat Bartee



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