



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2019
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude

"Tierce en taille"

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit

"Remember Not, O God" from *Daman's Psalmes*

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Carol Beckman

One: O Lord, you are the God of our salvation. We have no hope without you:

All: Hear us when we call to you.

One: O Lord, you are the compassionate God who cared for our ancestors and our parents:

All: Come now to us to save us, we pray.

One: O Lord, you are the Changeless God whom we honor and revere:

All: We come this day to worship you, O God, because we trust in your merciful grace.

† Hymn No. 144

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, you know our sin:

We have squandered the gifts you have given us.

We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.

We have been unfaithful and dishonest

In small things and great things alike.

We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way.

Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake.

Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord...(silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good News!

All: *In the name of 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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

hymnal pg. 74 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Funny Math"

Rev. Abernethy

† Hymn No. 379

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

† 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

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

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering
Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

John Rutter

† 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

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 421

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

WAREHAM

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"Amen"

Matthias Young

† Postlude

"Chaconne"

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)



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 29	7:30am	Fellowship of the Carpenter-Men's Bkfst
October 6		World Communion Sunday
October 6	12:00pm	PW Retreat at Lost Corner

Worship Participants for September 22, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass

Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Elder Carol Beckman



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