



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Trumpet Voluntary" Op. 5, No. 5 John Stanley (1712-1786)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Moved by the Spirit AMIS Irene Wong

Introit "God of Our Life" Charles Henry Purday (1799-1885)

Gathering as the Children of God Elder Charlie Gray

One: We begin refreshed...

All: *Ready to be remade in your image.*

One: Remind us of why we are here.

All: *To reorient ourselves into the life of discipleship.*

One: What is a disciple?

All: *Jesus says it is one who gives up their possessions.*

One: What then shall we possess?

All: *The cross. And we shall lift it high!*

† Hymn No. 371 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

*Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions,
we have trouble sharing them.*

*We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain
of those around us.*

*We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away
into the shadows. Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world,
so we may feel your healing touch.*

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*Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you.
Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ... (silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

One: The God who calls us is the God who created us;
the God who formed us is the God who forgives us.
This is the Good News—we are God's new creation.

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 14:25-33

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"The Choice of Discipleship"

Rev. Abernethy

† **Hymn No. 307**

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

† **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

After each petition, Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."
Congregation will respond with "Hear Our Prayer."

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Merav Eldan, Mezzo-Soprano

Arr. by Roy Ringwald

† 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

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. 422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"A Lydian Amen"

Matthias Young

† Postlude

"Rondeau" from *Sinfonies de Fanfare*

Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)
Arr. Elaine C. Gardner

In Memory

*Janet Thomas Ingram
December 31, 1937 - September 2, 2019*



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 14	12:00pm-2:00pm	SAM Five to Thrive
September 22	3:00pm-7:00pm	La Fiesta in the Park
September 29	7:30am	Fellowship of the Carpenter

Worship Participants for September 8, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy	Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass
Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young	Merav Eldan, Mezzo-Soprano
Guest Speaker - Irene Wong	Liturgist - Elder Charlie Gray
Interim Dir. of Congregational Care - Elizabeth Small	



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