



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2019
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Entrée" from *Suite Médiévale* Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Moved By the Spirit Carrie Southard

Introit "Make a Joyful Noise" Michael Morgan

Gathering as the Children of God Elizabeth Small

One: Whether we live in an apartment or a house;
if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

All: God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

One: Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel;
if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

All: God says, 'when you search for me, you will find me.'

One: Whether we have been wandering and lost;
or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

All: God says, 'I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.'

† Hymn No. 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us. Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You gift us with those of other cultures, that our lives might be blessed. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good New of the Gospel.
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 17:11-19

pg. 75

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

Sermon

"Boundless Borders"

Rev. Abernethy

† Hymn No. 366

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

ST. CATHERINE

† 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 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

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

† 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

Elizabeth Small

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 447

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LANCASHIRE

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"Amen"

Marty Haugen

† Postlude

"Fanfare"

Tielman Susato (1500-1561)

In Memory

Nan Whitacre

August 18, 1933 - October 6, 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

October 20	After both services	Congregational Meeting
October 20	12:15pm	Session Meeting
October 20	4:00-7:00pm	Pumpkin Palooza/Chili Cook-off

Worship Participants for October 13, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Joseph Cirou

Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Elizabeth Small - Interim
Dir. of Congregational Care



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