



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

19th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 20, 2019  
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Antiphon" Op.18, No.3 Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Westminster Peal

## GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit "Dominus Illuminatio Mea" Matthias Young

Gathering as the Children of God Elder Clarice Elder

One: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**All: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**

One: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**All: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**

One: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**All: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

† Hymn No. 455 "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

*Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name...Amen. (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 18:1-8

pg. 76

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*"Walks and Prayers"*

Rev. Abernethy

† Hymn No. 263

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

ST. DENIO

† Affirmation of Faith

(from the Confession of 1967)

*The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response, it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of all human guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all humanity and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of God's goodness, the healing of human ills, and their deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help humanity to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.*

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

"My Help Cometh From the Lord" - James Biery

Alison James, Violin

† 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. 387

"Savior, Like Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"Amen No. 5"

César Franck (1822-1890)

† Postlude

"Carillon"

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

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## 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	4:00-7:00pm	Pumpkin Palooza/Chili Cook-off
October 27	Noon	Officer Training
November 3		All Saints Sunday
November 3		Daylight Savings Time Ends

### Worship Participants for October 20, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy	Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass
Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young	Liturgist - Clarice Elder
Allison James, Violin	



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### MVPC Staff

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