



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

12th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2019
10:00 a. m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Canzonet III" Raymond H. Haan

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit "Commit Your Way to God the Lord" Thurlow Weed

Gathering as the Children of God Stan Williams

One: Why are we gathered here?

All: To give thanks to and worship a Living God.

One: How do we respond to this Living God?

All: By loving and serving God and neighbor.

One: What is our only comfort in life and death?

All: In life and in death, we belong to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

One: When do we know that we are serving God?

All: When all are fed, clothed, visited, cared for, given shelter, and loved.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn No. 469 "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Liberating God, you tell us to go and serve the least of these: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, mend the brokenhearted. Instead of heeding your call, we focus only on ourselves. We think of what's best for us. We look for ways to get ahead. We ignore those in need, even when they stand right in front of us. Forgive our selfish ways, God. Show us what it means to love others. Teach us how to serve others. Help us to share your story of amazing grace and abundant mercy. Give us your words to speak and ears to listen. Open our minds and hearts to understand. Guide our feet, Lord, that we might follow in the footsteps of the one true servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray... (silent confession) ...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

Ephesians 2:14-18

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Siyahamba"

Rev. Abernethy

† Hymn No. 356

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

† Affirmation of Faith

from the Confession of Belhar

We believe:

that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream...

Commissioning of Gill Hutt

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek,

There is no longer slave or free,

There is no longer male and female;

For all are one in Christ Jesus.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Then in the fullness of time...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God... For Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Prayer of Intercession/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offertory

"I Waited for the Lord"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Amy Kiley, Soprano, Merav Eldan, Mezzo-Soprano

† 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 (*see insert*)

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

SIYAHAMBA

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"Song of Simeon"

Arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan

† Postlude

"Our Father in Heaven" BWV 737

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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	10:00am & 12:00pm	Congregational Meeting
October 20	12:15pm	Session Meeting in KC
October 20	5:00pm	Pumpkin Palooza

Worship Participants for October 6, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy	Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass
Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young	Liturgist & Guest Speaker - Stan Williams
Amy Kiley, Soprano	Merav Eldan, Mezzo-Soprano



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