

May 10th Worship
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Opening

Lisa and Jack McGuire

Introit

Greetings and Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Sentences

Carrie and Lindsay Southard

One: We've come to worship God,

All: who loved us before we were yet born,

One: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

All: whose presence never leaves us,

One: and whose love for us never ceases.

All: This is our God. Let's worship together!

Introduction of Hymn

Robin Lindsay and McLaren Christensen

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Mother's Day Litany

Jodi, Duncan, and Erin Jackson

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.
One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,
All: We give God thanks and praise.
One: For mothers, worried, frustrated, and hurried,
All: We pray for peace.
One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,
All: We pray for healing.
One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,
All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.
One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,
All: We weep with those with broken hearts.
One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,
All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.
One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,
All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.
One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,
All: We pray for wisdom and patience.
One: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,
All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.
One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.
All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.
One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,
All: We give God thanks and praise.
One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,
All: We give God thanks and praise.

Special Music

“Be Thou My Vision”

Grace Rivord, Soprano

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 you discern my thoughts from far away.
 You search out my path and my lying down,
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 Even before a word is on my tongue,
 O Lord, you know it completely.
 You hem me in, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain it.
 Where can I go from your spirit?
 Or where can I flee from your presence?
 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
 if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
 If I take the wings of the morning
 and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
 even there your hand shall lead me,
 and your right hand shall hold me fast.
 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
 and the light around me become night,"
 even the darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day,
 for darkness is as light to you.

Homily

Foresight is 2020

Introduction of Hymn

Laura and Julia Northrop

"Lord, I Need You"

Lord I come I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest
 Without You I fall apart
 You're the one that guides my heart

Refrain

Lord I need You oh I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense my righteousness
 Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me *(to refrain)*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Melanie and Katie Sprung

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christlike graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

Benediction

Announcements for May 10

Good Morning, Mount Vernon. We are delighted once again to celebrate worship with you. Today is a special day as we lift up mothers and those who have played a mothering role as well as the 9 high school seniors affiliated with this church. Already and throughout this service you will hear from these students and their mothers as together we give thanks to God for their work so that we can envision hope for generations to come.

Plan for Going Forward

As I told you last Sunday, our Worship Ministry Team met this past Wednesday and directed me to work with our staff to develop a letter detailing what an initial plan of action for returning to corporate worship could look like. This coming week, this letter will be vetted and revised by first, the Worship Team, and then the entire Session. It is not exhaustive, but rather a guide as to what returning to worship, at least in the near term, could look like. When is that near term? As I said last week. I don't know. We will be informed by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, who shall lead us through the expertise of public health officials, the wisdom of fellow clergy and church leaders, as well as what we hear from you, our members. I want you to know we are also thinking of creative ways to further reach out and support you, our community.

Opportunities this Week

A couple of ways we are trying to connect virtually will take place over the next week. On Wednesday night at 7pm, we will hold our first Taize service via Zoom. This is a service meant for healing and wholeness and incorporates song, scripture, and silence. There will also be a time for you to offer prayer concerns. For this first service, I will walk you

through the service and depending on demand we may begin to offer this service more frequently.

Next Sunday at 9:45am, we will hold our Quarterly Team Meetings via Zoom as well. All teams will be invited to join in and then we will send you to virtual breakout rooms to conduct your business. At 10:45am. We will conclude the meeting but will invite you to stay on and we will watch the service together at 11am in a sort of virtual congregation. I know that sounds like a lot, and yes, some of it is even over my head, but we are going to try it. Then at 12:30pm your Session will gather for its May meeting.

COVID Fund Update

Your church continues to reach out at this time. We want to first thank you for your generous support of the COVID-19 Fund established last month. The task force assigned to disbursing the funds is already hard at work allocating the most immediate needs. Furthermore, today from 2-4pm we are holding a drive-thru Food Drive right out in the church parking lot. All food collected will go to the Community Assistance Center.

Christian Concern

We also want to extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Joan Malcolm. A long time member, active in the Presbyterian Women, Joan died on April 27th. Her family informed us that they will do a small memorial for her at a later date. We give thanks to God for Joan and welcome her to the church triumphant.

Thank you!

Finally, we want to thank you for your continued support, your giving is ensuring the viability of our mission to continue our work to glorify God

and to lean not on our own understanding, so let us in that spirit remove our worries and prepare our hearts and minds to worship Christ...