Announcements for June 7

Good morning! Grace. Mercy. And Peace in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Spirit. Welcome to Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church this Trinity Sunday. We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us. If you have never worshipped with us before, feel free to also peruse our church's website; mvpchurch.org, or our church's Facebook or Instagram pages. There you can find out more about how to connect with us amid this surreal season of life.

Our church continues to glean information and monitor the pandemic. As of now, there is no set date for us to return to in-person worship, but know that we are committed to having you return in as safe and secure environment as possible.

The church remains fully alive amid this season, and this week is no exception. Earlier this morning, we kicked off our Presbyterian 101 Class on Zoom. If you missed this class today, but want to join us, it is not too late, simply email myself or another staff member.

Last week, I mentioned two new pastoral care initiatives: each Sunday from 3-5pm and Thursday from 8-10am I am holding "Office Hours." All you need to do is make an appointment and I can meet you on your driveway of your house or patio of your condo, or we can meet somewhere on the church campus. I look forward to catching up with you. Secondly, every Tuesday we are doing a phone devotional at 2pm. Please share with our friends who don't have access to our virtual offerings the number and access code at the bottom of the screen...(701) 802-5094 and access code 5154569

This Wednesday, we are also holding our monthly Taize service at 7pm on Zoom. Come join us for this brief service of scripture, song, and prayer.

Next Sunday at 5:30pm, the Youth will also meet via Zoom. So if you have a child who would like to join us, please let them know! We will discuss ways to respond amid the unrest we have seen across the county these past few weeks.

We are also planning to celebrate Los Ninos Primero for our worship on Sunday, June 21. It is their 20th Anniversary so we hope you will join us for this special service!

We also want you to know that next Sunday we will have more information for how you can support our continued commitment with Family Promise. Each year we have covenanted to host them in July. This year, the families are sheltering in place at St. Luke's Presbyterian from July 5-19.

Finally we want to be in prayer for our world as we continue to deal with the effects of Covid-19 and our country as we come to grips with the systemic racism and injustice that has pervaded for far too long. We at Mount Vernon lament the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and an the countless individuals who were created by God but whose life was cut short simply because of the color of their skin.

We also remain in prayer for Helen Johnson, Mark Fifield, Ross Mielke: who is recovering from a knee replacement, Kirk Pumphrey, and Mary Helen Lutz (the daughter of Bob and Ann Addison) along with all others who go unnamed but are struggling with their mental health, spiritual health, or with economic uncertainty. If you find yourself in any of these places, please reach out to the church. We want to support you to the best of our ability.

We also offer a prayer of praise to celebrate the marriage of Gil Hutt and Felicia Lynch, who were married yesterday in North Carolina. Blessings to them as they begin their lives together.

Let us now in the spirit of Sabbath, turn our hearts and minds to God as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship...

MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Trinity Sunday June 7, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

Introit "Amazing Grace"

Greetings and Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship
Evelyn Abernethy
Let us worship the Triune God.
Let us worship the One
who spoke in the beginning
and created something out of nothing.

Let us worship the Triune God.

Let us worship the One
who took on the clothing of humanity
to set those who were oppressed free.

Let us worship the Triune God.

Let us worship the One
whose Spirit rests continually upon us,
calling us from sorrow-filled endings
to bright new beginnings.

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

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Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Peeking Through the Window

"Canticle of the Turning"

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the one who waits.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears,

For the dawn draws near,

And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.

And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (to refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;

These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (to refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (to refrain)

Prayers of the People

After each petition, Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."

Congregation will respond with "Hear Our Prayer."

Lord's 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 into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

"Refiner's Fire"

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You Lord

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

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Benediction