

**Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church**  
**June 21<sup>st</sup> Worship Service**

**Opening Words**  
**Abernethy**

**Maritza Morelli & Rev. Barrett**

**Introit — Los Niños Primero**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Call to Worship**

**Margaret Schafer & Elsa Jiminez**

Margaret: 20 years ago

Spanish Speaker: God molded a new creation for the goodness of the children of God.

Margaret: Los Ninos Primero has been an instrument of Christ's grace in the world.

Spanish Speaker: Through the hands of Christ, we have witnessed love, compassion, and hope.

Margaret: Our work is only beginning. There is still much to be done.

Spanish Speaker: With God's help, we will continue to live out our vision: to inspire Latino children to be lifelong learners and exemplary members of the community.

Margaret and Spanish Speaker (Unison): Thanks be to God!

**Hymn #157 “Jesús es mi Rey soberano (Our King and our sovereign, Lord Jesus)”**

Our King and our sovereign, Lord Jesus, With joy we will sing forth Your praise;  
You call us Your sisters and brothers, Your love You share with us always.  
You gave up Your throne in God's glory To save us, O wonderful story!  
And now we rejoice, Yes, now we rejoice in You.

Our friend for whom we long for, O Jesus, In sunshine and storm here You stay;  
You patiently walk close beside us To comfort and help us each day;  
From You nothing ever can sever, We'll follow You now and forever.  
And now we rejoice, Yes, now we rejoice in You.

O what can we give You, Lord Jesus, For all you have done and still do?  
Is serving You here all that matters? Or saying we love only You?  
Yours only, to You consecrated, Our lives, Lord, are now dedicated;  
Dear Lord, we rejoice, Yes, Lord, we rejoice in You.

**Statement of Hope**

**Ken Mead**

We do not know when the earth and humanity will be consummated, nor do we know how the universe will be transformed. This world's present state, deformed by sin, is to pass away. But God teaches us that He is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth where justice dwells and whose blessedness will fulfill and surpass all the longings for peace which spring up in the

human heart. This is the hope that inspires us Christians. We know that every effort to better a society, especially one that is so enmeshed in injustice and in sin, is an effort that God blesses, that God desires, that God demands of us. May we, as the people of Mount Vernon Presbyterian live out this reality in our continued partnership with our brothers and sisters of Los Ninos Primero. Amen.

## **Musical Presentation — Los Niños Primero**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Reading**

**Matthew 18:1-5**

**Michelle Martinez**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

### **Interview with Maritza Morelli**

#### **Hymn #322**

#### **“Spirit of the Living God”**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Santo Espiritu de Dios, ven sobre mi.  
Santo Espiritu de Dios, ven sobre mi.  
Tómame, cábiame, lléname, úsame.  
Santo Espiritu de Dios, ven sobre mi.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sam & Mary McClurg**

#### **Hymn #432**

#### **“Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)”**

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

## **Benediction**