



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Online Order of Worship
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 12th, 2020**

Greetings and Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

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In this season of waiting, of longing,
of looking for you to come into our world
We are seeking light

In our own lives
We are seeking light

In our neighbourhoods
We are seeking light

In our families
We are seeking light

In our work
We are seeking light

In Grace
We are seeking light

In our nation
We are seeking light

In our world
We are seeking light

Seek and you shall find
Knock and the door will be opened
Ask and it will be given to you

Jesus Christ you are the light of the world
May we have eyes to see you
And ears to hear you
Come into our world today
Amen.

Hymn #482

**“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
LOBE DEN HERREN**

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God,
You created the earth, whole and round;
You created us to be whole people.
But we have become fragmented, cracked and broken.
We have been broken by false promises and shattered trust.
We have become cracked with the experience of systemic sin:
prejudice, oppression and fear.
We have become fragmented,
building up walls instead of lending hands.
Forgive us when we have done the breaking,
heal us where we have been hurt.
Let Your light shine through our cracks and scars
so that we might bring light to the world,
showing that in You we are made whole.
In You we find healing.
In You we find renewed life.
Help us to forgive, to love, to mend... (Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.
I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.
I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

An Advent State of Mind

“Thy Word”

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end (*to refrain*)

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end (*to refrain*)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer Over the Elements, Prayers of Intercessions, Concluding with the *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.

Post Communion Prayer

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Refrain

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land
With the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me (*to refrain*)

Benediction

Announcements

Good morning. Grace, mercy, and peace in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Welcome to Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church this day. We are excited you have chosen to worship with us. If this is your first time joining us, please explore our website and social media accounts to learn more about who we are and how you can connect with us at this time.

Weekly Events:

For all of you, I want to remind you that every Tuesday, we have a phone devotional beginning at 2pm. Each Sunday at 10am we are offering a Presbyterian 101 Sunday School class. And, finally, if you would like to meet with me in person, I am holding what I call office hours on Thursday

mornings and Sunday afternoons. We can meet somewhere on the church campus or on your driveway if you like.

Congregational Meeting

We have a lot going on in the life of the church at this time. All MVPC members should have been notified this week about our called Virtual Congregational Meeting which will take place on Sunday, July 26th at noon. We need a quorum of you, 10%, or roughly 40 church members to be on the Zoom call that will happen so we can vote on calling a new Associate Pastor for Faith Formation. Between now and the 26th, we will be sending out more information to you about this candidate as well as how this unique meeting will take place and how you will vote via Zoom.

Session Meeting

Next Sunday, July 19th, your church Session will meet for their stated monthly meeting following worship. There we will discuss options for our fall plans. Throughout these past several months, we have been following the advice of health experts and guidance we have received from church leaders and that will inform our discussion and the actions we take.

Communion Today

For this worship today, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion, so I want to invite you to pause the service right now and go into your kitchen and find some bread or crackers, along with wine, juice, or water so that we can celebrate the communal presence of God together in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ... (Pause)

Prayer Concerns

Welcome back, as a people committed to the grace we find in Christ, we extend prayers of grace for our world, country, and community. We continue to ask for healing amid this pandemic, and forgiveness as we continue to respond to the sin of racism. Within our church family, we pray for Julie Chesnutt as she undergoes treatment for cancer as well as Gail Williams as she recovers from wrist surgery and we continue to pray for others in our

midst, especially health care workers, teachers, parents, students, and others who weigh difficult decisions in the coming days and weeks.

Covid-19 Fund Update

We also want to encourage you to continue your support of our Covid-19 Fund. To date we have raised over \$43,000 and as you know there is great need out there. If you are moved, please consider going to our giving page there on the MVPC website or send a check to the church via postal mail. Because of you, we have been able to continue in our mission to serve God and serve neighbor.

Alert: Scam Emails

Finally, as it pertains to stewardship. We were made aware this week that some and perhaps several of you received emails from someone posing as me and asking for you to send money to a 3rd party. I will never ask you to send money or gift cards to anyone besides going through the church as I just did. It grieves and upsets me that my name would be used to try to scam you, and unfortunately there is little I can do except to tell you that if you have any sense that something may be off about something you receive from the church or myself, don't hesitate to call the church or even reach out to me directly. We want your acts of benevolence to go where they are intended to go. On behalf of the church, I cannot thank you enough for the love you have shown in this time. Thanks be to God.

And in that spirit, let us center our hearts and minds and prepare for worship...