



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Order of Worship
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 19th, 2020

Greetings and Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Doug & Ryan Sawyer

Brothers and sisters, boys and girls—
Come and worship!

Even if you're tired and worn out—
Come and worship!

Lay down the heavy things you are carrying—
Come and worship!

Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you—
Come and worship!

See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you—
Come and worship!

For Jesus is humble and gentle,
and he will give us everything we need to follow him.

Hymn #455

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (v. 1, 2, & 5) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly God, we confess that we often forget Who it is that we worship. You, Lord, are the great God Almighty and our Eternal Hope. Yet, at times, we deny that truth by living in fear and responding negatively to our circumstances. For these transgressions we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of our situations or our emotions. Give us eyes to see You as You really are so we might be bold witnesses in our world. We ask this humbly in Christ's name (*Silent Confession*)...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Exilic Truths

Hymn #387

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
BRADBURY**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
Eith Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Prayers of the People

*After each petition, the Pastor will say, “...Lord, In Your Mercy,”
Respond with “Hear Our Prayer.”*

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.

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength)

I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)

I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)

Refrain

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down (I will bow down)
And hail You as King (and hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (everything)

I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)
I will trust You (I will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone)...*to refrain*

Benediction

Rev. Andrew Whaley

Announcements July 19

Good morning, grace, mercy, and peace in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord . Welcome to Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church this day. If this is your first time joining us, we want to welcome you and we want you to know we aim to bring the church home during this season of uncertainty.

Session Meeting

Today at 12:30pm, your church session will gather for its stated monthly meeting. During this meeting, they will determine the future plans of the church, going over options from remaining strictly online to returning to a form of in-person worship here in the sanctuary. Other options and ideas will also be discussed. As I have said throughout this pandemic, your leaders will be guided by Christ's call to love neighbor and self as well as the wisdom of health officials and church leaders.

Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, July 26 at Noon we will hold our Virtual Congregational Meeting on Zoom for the purposes of voting on a candidate for Associate

Pastor for Faith Formation. You will be receiving a booklet with information about this candidate in the mail this week and it will also be posted to our website this week. During this congregational meeting, you will be able to ask questions of David Barclift, chair of the APNC and myself to learn more about how we got to this place and what it means for our church. Should you not be able to attend the Zoom meeting, but would like to vote, please request a mail-in ballot by calling the church office at the number below or contacting Debbie Nysewander at the email address below. You will have until Saturday August 1st to return a mail-in ballot and then on Sunday, August 2nd we will share with you the final vote tally also via Zoom at Noon. If you have any questions about this process, we understand, and will be happy to answer them to the best of our ability.

Stewardship Generosity

We want to continue to thank you for your support of MVPC. Through your giving we have been able to continue to do and serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Your response to the Covid-19 fund has been overwhelming. It has put food on tables, and kept people from being evicted from their homes. Please continue to give to this fund and support our ministry.

Prayer Concerns

Finally, and most importantly, we continue to lift up in prayer our world, our country, and our community. We ask for healing, hope, and for compassionate care for each other as we seek to overcome this pandemic. We continue to pray for leaders: policy makers, health care officials, school administrators and teachers, and parents as they discern how to keep us and themselves safe.

We continue to pray for those within and connected to our church family. We think of Julie Chesnutt, Gail Williams, Barbara Bruce, Inez Cole, Kirk Pumphrey, Rob Southard, and Red Harmon, as well as those who go unnamed. We also offer a prayer of praise for Lorenzo Small, father of Minnie Robinson, who continues to experience renewed strength.

And now let us be surrounded by the strength of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit as we prepare our hearts to worship.