



## MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Order of Worship  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Greetings and Welcome

Introit

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

The Virtual Choir

### Prayer of Invocation

### Call to Worship

John & Julie Chesnutt

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;  
it is the smallest of all the seeds,  
but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,  
so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour  
until all was leavened.

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;  
then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

A merchant in search of fine pearls;  
on finding one of great value,  
sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

Let all who have ears, hear.

### Hymn #485

“To God Be the Glory”  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *(to refrain)*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,  
you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity,  
**forgive us.**

When we want to uproot those whom we believe  
do not belong in our part of the field,  
**forgive us.**

When we label others as good or bad  
rather than accept them for who they are,  
**forgive us.**

When we are reluctant to acknowledge  
that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,  
**forgive us.**

When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives  
to see what is growing there,  
**forgive us.**

O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.  
**You search us out and lay your hand upon us.**  
You know what we are going to say even before we speak.  
**So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,**  
the lonely and the outcast,  
**and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world.**  
**This we pray in Jesus' name.**

### **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

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

### Sermon

*The Marvelous Mustard Seed*

**"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

### 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.

### "The Summons"

KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

## Benediction