



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Order of Worship
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 16th, 2020

Greetings and Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Move among us, O God; give us life.

Let your people rejoice in you.

Make our hearts clean within us,

renew us in mind and in spirit.

Give us again the joy of your help,

with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

“First Cup Song”

Brothers and sisters I beg you
In light of all He's done for us
To offer yourselves in worship to our God
Brothers and sisters I ask you
Present yourselves a living sacrifice
Holy and acceptable to our God

Refrain

Jesus we come to worship You
Jesus we come to lift You high
Jesus we come to honor You with our lives

Father we come to You humbly
Recognizing Your infinite glory
Jesus we're so grateful for Your sacrifice
Spirit we ask You to fill us
To come in and change us and move us
To carry our mortal worship to the divine (*to refrain*)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt
the attitudes and actions of the world around us;
to let our lives be shaped by contemporary culture
rather than by Your call.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear and forgive.**

We confess how often we think of our own interests first—
more concerned with our own status and well-being
than with the well-being of others.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear and forgive.**

We confess that we have not always treated one another
as valued members of Your Body, the Church;
that we have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear and forgive.**

We confess that we do not always acknowledge You as Lord,
trusting in our own abilities and following our own goals
rather than submitting ourselves to Your will and Your call.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear and forgive.**

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us.
Change us from the inside out,
so that our words and our lives would bring honour and glory to You,
our Savior and Lord...

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

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Perfect Church

Hymn #435

“We All Are One in Mission”
ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service
To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.

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.

Hymn #438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

Benediction