



## MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Order of Worship  
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

### *Hymns of Our Creed*

#### **Greetings and Welcome**

#### **Minute for Mission**

Irene Wong, Atlanta Mission to International Students (AMIS)

#### **Explanation of Worship**

#### **Call to Worship**

Ephesians 3:14-19

Gerald Fudge & Mary Lea Woods

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

In whom do we believe?

**We believe in God the Father Almighty.**

Mary Earle Pelfrey

#### **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!

#### **Scripture**

Psalm 8

Denise Hunt

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us affirm.

**God is the maker of Heaven and Earth**

Carol Beckman & Brent Schweiger

**“How Majestic Is Your Name”**

Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is  
Your name in all the earth  
Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is  
Your name in all the earth  
Oh Lord we praise Your name  
Oh Lord we magnify Your name  
Prince of Peace Mighty God  
Oh Lord God Almighty

**Scripture**

**Matthew 16:13-16**

**Glenn & Charlie Grove**

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

“Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But who do you say that I am?”

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

In whom do we believe?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord.**

**Hymn #477**

**“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

**HANOVER**

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful name;  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

**Scripture**

**Luke 1:34-35, 38**

**Jeanne Gilliland**

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Let us affirm.

**Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary.**

**Matthias Young**

**Hymn #47**

**“Still, Still, Still”**

**STILL, STILL, STILL**

Still, still, still,  
He sleeps this night so chill!  
The Virgin’s tender arms enfolding,  
Warm and safe the Child are holding,  
Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill!

**Scripture****Philippians 2:5-8****Wynn Sims**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Let us affirm.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell**

**Rev. Barrett Abernethy****Hymn #98****“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”****PASSION CHORALE**

O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.

**Scripture****Philippians 2:9-10****Jim Loth**

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Let us affirm.

**On the third day he rose again from the dead:  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty:  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and dead.**

**David & Christy Hill****Hymn #142****“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”****CORONATION**

All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

**Scripture****Romans 8:26-27****Bob & Donna Martin**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

In whom do we believe?

**We believe in the Holy Ghost.**

**Gene & Clarice Elder**

**Hymn #313**

**“Come Down, O Love Divine”**

DOWN AMPNEY

Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek out this soul of mine  
And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

**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.

**Scripture**

I Peter 2:9-10

Pearl Attaway, Mike & Meg Smith

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once we were no people but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

In what do we believe?

We believe in the Holy catholic church.

**Hymn #442**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

AURELIA

The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died.

**Scripture**

Revelation 14: 12-13

Joan Rownd

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’

In what do we believe?

We believe in the communion of the saints.

John and Patricia Hibbard

Hymn #526

**“For All the Saints”**

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Scripture**

**Ephesians 4:31-32**

**Pamela Wall**

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

In what do we believe?

**We believe in the forgiveness of sin.**  
Morine

**Dale & Anna**

**“Amazing Grace (Peaceful, Easy Feeling)”**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

I got a peaceful, easy feeling  
And I know He won't let me down.  
'Cause I'm already on solid ground.

**Scripture**

**John 11:25-26**

**Jon, Julie, Ben, & Anna Barber**

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

In what do we believe?

**We believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

**Bruce & Wendy Hagenau**

Hymn #108

**“Christ Is Alive”**

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

**Benediction**

**“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious;  
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

## Announcements for August 23

Good morning, grace, mercy, and peace in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Welcome to Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this day. I know that some of you joining us are perhaps new to Mount Vernon or even the Presbyterian denomination.

We want to welcome you and know that we are committed to bringing the church home during this season and connecting with you. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to learn more about who we are and what we believe as Christians.

Last week, your Church Session did meet and took the following actions

1. Church employees can return to work on a staggered basis if they are comfortable to do so. What this means is that if you are a church member/visitor and you need something, please call ahead and let us know you are coming. We also ask that you wear a mask and maintain social distance. If you would like a pastoral visit, please let me know and we will make an appointment.
2. Groups can meet outside on the church campus under the following conditions:
  - a. No more than 15 people
  - b. Wear a mask
  - c. Maintain Social Distance

All groups must have a reservation in advance so we can give you access to a restroom and go over further details. I should note this mandate does not include youth as our incoming Associate Pastor, Isaac Toney-Schmitt, will oversee how best to engage the youth.

Bottom line: Your Session values your health and well-being. We remain in prayer for you and give thanks for your support during this season. More information will be forthcoming.

Last week, I made mention of our two newest staff members: Isaac Toney-Schmitt and Ryan Sawyer. Isaac begins his ministry with us on Aug. 24. Please feel free to greet him at [isaac@mvpchurch.org](mailto:isaac@mvpchurch.org). We are also excited to welcome Ryan, who you will enjoy later in this service.

We hope you feel connected to us as much as you desire. We continue to worship weekly, offer weekly telephone devotionals, daily moments on social media, and long to meet your pastoral care needs during this unprecedented time. To help us in that endeavor, we ask that you head to our giving page on our church website where you can support our COVID-19 Fund that is sending monies to partner organizations fighting food and home insecurity at this time or give to the church. As you can see, the work of MVPC has and will remain a constant until we see the vision of justice and love realized in this world.

Let us also remain in prayer. We offer our concerns for this world as it continues to respond to the coronavirus and for our country as we continue to respond to the health and economic well-being of our neighbors. We pray specifically for the family of current staff member Yvonne White. Late this week, we heard good news that her father has left the hospital following treatment for Covid-19 and that her sister and nephew are also recovering. We also lament with our previous staff member, Jill Thompson. Her brother-in-law Arden Anderson died this week following complications from a stroke and Covid-19. Let us also be in prayer for the family of Charlie Gray, whose grandson, Warren, was born this week in Louisiana.

And now, let us take a moment to celebrate our partnership with the Atlanta Mission to International Students, or AMIS, as we hear an update from their Executive Director, Irene Wong...