



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Order of Worship

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 22nd, 2020 • Christ the King

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Because Jesus ascended
Hope is coming
Come and worship
Praise be to the Everlasting One
This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn #335

“Though I May Speak” O WALY WALY

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

Litany for the Vulnerable

David & Christy Hill

Compassionate God, we pray for vulnerable people all over this world, people working without masks, in line at the food bank, trying to call the unemployment office, or gasping in the ICU. Protect them, God; we feel so powerless ourselves to help them. Encourage and empower us to work for peace and freedom from fear in our own contexts.

God of grace, we pray for those whose lives have been turned upside down by various disasters: floods, fire, famine, and now virus. Bring courage and hope to them; through their pain, may they remain connected to you in prayer.

We pray for those who say there is no God; may we through the living of our own lives demonstrate the joy and peace of a Spirit-centered existence.

God of community, we pray for our own congregation; may we be a source of hope for our neighborhood.

Help us to discern needs and work to fulfill them. Strengthen and unify our congregation and show us how we can be the disciples you envision us to be. Return the sick to health and well-being and relieve the suffering of those who have lost loved ones, lost their sense of meaning, lost their ability to live the lives they long to.

Guide us, Great Shepherd, into your paths of right relationships.

In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Response

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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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

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Sermon

Hymn #335

“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.

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.

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.

“Turn, Turn, Turn”

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven
A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven
A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven
A time of love, a time of hate
A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven
A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rend, a time to sew
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

Benediction

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Announcements Transcript

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. Please take a moment to fill out our virtual friendship pad, located just below your video if you are watching this service on our webpage. We are excited to connect with you or stay connected if you are a longtime member or somewhere in between.

Today is Christ the King Sunday and I am going to share with you more about this unique service in just a moment, but before I do that we want to encourage you to join us for our outdoor, in-person services that will take place on December 6th, 20th, and Christmas Eve. Please go to our website to sign-up for these services or contact the church office directly. For Christmas Eve, we will open sign-ups for church members only starting on December 1st through December 13th. Right now, that service is capped to 125 people. If that service reaches capacity, we are considering holding a second Christmas Eve service.

We want to thank you for your support of our Stewardship Campaign that we celebrated last week. We know some of you have not been able to submit a pledge. If you would like to do so, please feel free to go to the “giving” tab on our website to fill out a virtual pledge card, or mail in the card that we sent to you during the campaign season.

Finally we want to lift up in prayer our world, our country, our civic leaders, and those who continue to be affected by this pandemic. Closer to home we continue to lift up in prayer Elizabeth Small, Eleanor Brazell, Barbara Bruce, and those who you are watching who unfortunately will remain isolated during the Thanksgiving holidays. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the pastoral staff or our wonderful Stephen Ministers who are committed to serving, listening, and praying alongside you.