



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Order of Worship

Youth Sunday

February 21st, 2021

— GATHERING —

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Call to Worship

Aiden Ray & Ben Barber

In between cracks and crevices, in the oceans and skies,
God is Present.

In the light and darkness, we trust in God.

In darkness and light, God is the known.

Always in his presence, we gather beyond the sanctuary.

In strange times, we come to worship together.

Praise be to God.

Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Prayer of Confession

Kate Christian

Forgiving God, we confess that oftentimes when we sin we close off from you in fear of disappointing you. It becomes hard to listen to others, and all we want to do is listen to our own opinion. During this past year we have become more physically distant from our church family, which makes it easier to become distant from you. During these times of uncertainty, it is important to remember that no matter what we have done, God will never leave us. Now more than ever, we need to bridge the gap and put in an effort to build a stronger relationship with you.

Assurance of Pardon

...Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God’s grace!

— **THE WORD** —

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Homily

Bryce Cumming & Gil Christian

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

— RESPONSE —

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Kyle Cumming, Kendall Slayden

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

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.

— SENDING —

Song

“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.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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

Benediction

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Announcements

Grace and peace to you, and welcome to worship at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. As always, it is wonderful that we can be physically distant yet join one another in worship.

Outdoor Worship Returning in March

We are excited to inform you that this week your Worship Committee met and approved a plan to return to outdoor, in-person gatherings starting March 7th. These services will take place on our courtyard and there will be a limit to 125 people. We will again ask that you sign-up on our website, and that upon arrival at church, please observe Covid-19 protocols by wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing guidelines. In March we plan to worship in-person on the 7th, 21st and Palm Sunday, March 28th. All of these services can be viewed live on our website and are of course dependent on good weather.

Big Things Happening March 21st

I do also want to inform you that on March 21st two things of note will take place. First, the Christian Education Ministry Team is starting a new children's curriculum called Godly Play that we will utilize during outdoor worship. This ministry will take place in the garden just to the side of the fellowship hall. Secondly, following worship, we will hold the annual church meeting. A lot is happening in March and we hope you will join us.

Ways to Support Mission and Outreach at MVPC

We also have a lot of ways for you to support the church's mission and outreach. The Covid-19 fund is still active and taking donations. To date, you have given more than \$68,000 and more than \$65,000 have been distributed to partner organizations such as CAC who is supporting the food insecure, Los Ninos Primero who is ensuring families are not evicted, Family Promise who is maintaining their mission to eradicate temporary homelessness, as well as several others. From March 7th-14th, our church, along with Congregation B'Nai Torah is supplying Family Promise with supplies and overnight hosts while they stay at First Baptist, Roswell. You can go to our website, if you would like to support. Finally, the Clifton Shelter needs sandwiches for sack lunches for next Sunday. If you would like to support this, please contact Carol Beckman and let her know you will be dropping off sandwiches at the church.

Prayer Concerns/Staying Connected

The church also wants to extend prayers and sympathy for many suffering with the effects of the coronavirus and other ailments. During this time, we ask peace for the deceased, mercy for the hurting, and strength for the weary. Please continue to reach out to your pastors. Both Isaac and Barrett want to remain connected to you. Thankfully, Isaac is out of Covid quarantine and happy to be back on campus! Please also reach out to Joy Carden, our Congregational Care Chair, or Pat Bartee, our Stephen Ministry Leader. In this time of distance, let us be bonded in our love of Christ.