



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Order of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28th, 2021

— GATHERING —

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Marion Satterfield

O Christ, surround me every day

Leaning on love and faith always

Ministering to the least of these

Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly

God will never leave us

Great is the mystery of faith

Hymn

“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.

Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
we pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-3

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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Sermon

Six Endless Words

Rev. Abernethy & Toney-Schmitt

Hymn

"O Lamb of God Most Holy!"
O LAMM GOTTES

O Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
1,2. Have mercy on us, Jesus!
3. Your peace be with us, Jesus!

— RESPONSE —

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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

“Come Ye Souls”

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him
Blest the ears that hear His voice
Blessed are the souls that trust Him
And in Him, alone rejoice
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Benediction

Rev. Abernethy & Toney-Schmitt

Announcements

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.

Return to In-Person Worship

We are excited to let you know that next Sunday, March 7th, we will return to outdoor in-person worship on our church courtyard. If you would like to join us, please go to our website and sign-up. If you have never joined us for our outdoor services, please know that we welcome 125 people to worship in a socially distanced fashion, and that we require the wearing of masks at all times. Right now, singing is discouraged, but we understand if you are moved by the Holy Spirit. Later this week, I will post a video on our Facebook page that will walk you through other details so you can be fully prepared and fully enjoy this worship service.

A few other highlights happening in March:

Worship Schedule

We will worship on March 7, 21, and 28 (Palm Sunday) in person, while we will offer an online service on March 14 and Holy Week Devotionals March 29-31. We know some of you are already asking about April worship services such as Easter and in the next few weeks we will finalize those details and send them out to you at that time.

Family Promise

From March 7-14 we will serve as hosts for Family Promise. Families are currently living at First Baptist, Roswell. If you would like to support this mission of the church, please go to our website.

Annual Church Meeting and Godly Play

On March 21, we will have the annual church meeting immediately following worship, while during worship we will begin a new children's curriculum called Godly Play. Designed for our youngest saints, this curriculum will allow us to share the stories of the Bible. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please reach out to our Associate Pastor, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmidt.

There are several other ways for you to connect with the church, so please call the church office and request to be put on our mailing/emailing lists.

Prayer Concerns

Finally, let us continue to be in prayer for so many. By now, so many of us know or have been personally affected by the pandemic, and we at Mount Vernon want to support to the best of our ability, shower you with prayer, and join with you in prayer. Please be in prayer for those who are hurting, those who have endured, and those suffering from the mental anguish that has accompanied this collective trauma. We ask for God's mercy and peace. And in that spirit, let us come together to set our heart toward the grace of Jesus Christ as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.