



# MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship ♦ June 6, 2021 ♦ 10:00 AM

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

† For those who are able, please stand

## — GATHERING —

Introit "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" by Matthias Young

Prelude "Up from the Dark" by Ryan Sawyer

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Minute for Mission Francis Horton  
Community Assistance Center

Prayer of Invocation Rev. Abernethy

† Call to Worship Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, it faints for the courts of the Lord.

All: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

All: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

One: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. O Lord, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

† Hymn #455 (v. 1,3,6) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

### LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest us both warmth and light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, your Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer for Celebrating Worshipping Spaces**

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Almighty God, today we return to this place of worship, and we celebrate the opportunity to once again glorify your Son:

in prayer and praise

in Word and Sacrament

in fellowship and love

So that we may know your will and experience your peace and presence in our lives.

Let this place be:

a refuge for those who suffer or grieve

a fortress for those besieged by temptation

a beacon to light the way in the darkness

and a virtual connection to bring a sense of the sacred to our worldly existence.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we return to this sanctuary to continue the work that has been done, that has not stopped, and that will continue to proclaim everlasting life. Alleluia! Amen!

† Response #579

*Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

**Children's Moment**

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

*(All children 5th grade and younger are invited to come forward for story-telling and prayer.)*

† Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you,

And also with you.

*(Please greet each other with the peace of Christ, in a manner comfortable for one another)*

— THE WORD —

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Abernethy

**Scripture**

Haggai 1:15b- 2:9

**Homily**

"Returning to the Temple"

— RESPONSE —

† Hymn #207

**“How Lovely, Lord”  
MERLE’S TUNE**

How lovely, Lord, how lovely Is Your abiding place;  
My soul is longing, fainting, To feast upon Your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, A place to build her nest;  
And so Your temple calls us Within its walls to rest.

In Your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day  
Is better than a thousand If I from You should stray.  
I’d rather keep the entrance And claim You as my Lord  
Than revel in the richness The ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever Are You, O Lord Most High;  
You shower us with blessings; No good will You deny.  
The saints, Your grace receiving, From strength to strength shall go,  
And from their life shall rivers Of blessing over flow.

† **Affirmation of Faith** (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. Abernethy

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
Whom alone we worship and serve.**

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

Rev. Abernethy & Rev. Toney-Schmitt

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Prayer Over the Elements & *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.

**Words of Institution & Communion of the People**

**Post Communion Prayer**

— SENDING —

† Song of Dismissal

**“Shout to the Lord”**  
by Darlene Zschech  
My Jesus my Savior  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

*Refrain*

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

† Benediction

Rev. Abernethy

Postlude

**“How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou”** Op. 18, No. 5  
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Ryan Sawyer

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*We thank you for worshipping with us today.  
If you are so moved and would like to give a tithe or offering,  
there are collection boxes in the narthex.*

**Leading Today's Worship Service**  
**Rev. Barrett Abernethy:** Pastor & Head of Staff  
**Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt:** Associate Pastor of Faith Formation  
**Matthias Young:** Director of Music  
**Ryan Sawyer:** Organ Apprentice



# MVPC Announcements....



**We have a new mailing address!**  
**P.O. Box 76051, Sandy Springs, GA 30358**  
*(please note a different zip code)*

**Welcome!** Please be assured we are taking all measures to follow the CDC guidelines. We have seating in the narthex, the back of the sanctuary are for social distancing while inside, and the front pews are with no restrictions. We do encourage you to follow the CDC's guidance to keep your mask on if you are not fully vaccinated. If you are able, please get vaccinated. While here, please scan the QR codes using the camera on your smartphone to access the bulletin and also giving your tithes.

**Visitor Info:** Please go to our website: [mvpchurch.org](http://mvpchurch.org), contact our church office at **404.255.2211**, or speak with one of our pastors after the service.

**Membership:** If you are interested in joining MVP Church, please talk to one of the pastors after the service.



**Lunch Today!** The Fellowship Team invites you to lunch in Fellowship Hall and outdoors on the patio immediately following the service.

**Ways to Give Tithes:** Online, Mail, the QR code, or give in our "Donations" drop boxes in the narthex.

## Upcoming Services:

June 13 (10:00)	Matthew 12:1-8, "What Happens in the Temple..."
June 20 (10:00) Outdoor	Genesis 28:10-17, "Big Dream", Los Ninos Sunday



**Greeters, Ushers, & A/V Helpers Needed:** Contact the church office if you would like to help out with worship.



**Covid-19 Fund:** There is still a need!

Donations as of June 4	\$84,132
Disbursements	\$81,071
Balance on Hand	\$ 3,061

**Transportation Volunteers:** please email Joy Carden at [pjcarden@bellsouth.net](mailto:pjcarden@bellsouth.net) if you have questions or interested in picking up members and bringing them to church.



**Family Promise:** We need people to sign up for overnight hosts between July 4 - July 17. Sign up here: [mvpchurch.org/serve/](http://mvpchurch.org/serve/)

**June 6, 2021**

**Taize Service** will resume in August – in the narthex!

**Godly Play** will resume in August.

**Sunday School:** The Discovery class will meet **June 13** at 11:00 a.m. after the service in the Session Room. Barrett & Isaac will lead our class starting in June-July focusing on sermons they have written.

**Weekly Ways to Connect:** Tuesday Phone Devotional @ 2:00 p.m., Midweek Manna, Children's Sunday School on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. with Carrie Southard via Zoom.



**The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom** Spring/Summer issue is available in the narthex. If you haven't already done so, please pick one up on your way out.



**The MVPC Stephen Ministry:** If you are experiencing anything that keeps you awake at night and anxious by day, you are an ideal candidate for Stephen Ministry. We Presbyterians tend to pride ourselves on being well-educated and self-sufficient, but there are times we truly need others. If interested, contact Barrett, Isaac, or call Pat Barte, Stephen Leader, to become involved.



**The June Communion Offering** is for the Drake House, a transitional living facility for homeless mothers and children located in Roswell. Most needed items are listed in the Happenings email. Donations may be brought to any worship service during the month of June or dropped off in the donation bin outside the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

**Pastor Office Hours:** Barrett, Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Isaac, Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please contact them directly to make an appointment.

**Prayer Concerns:** Ann Addison, John Allen, Anne Baynham, Julie Chesnutt, Hazel Cofield, Bruce Hagenau, Christy Hill, Corny Laube, Kirk Pumphrey, Dave Whitacre

**Attendance:** 5/30: 72(Sanctuary), 42 (online)

*Giving*



## Financial Update

May 27-31	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$9,300	\$246,024	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 266	\$ 12,921	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 21	\$ 5,540	\$ 6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,587</b>	<b>\$264,485</b>	<b>\$ 514,290</b>

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings* weekly email or Good News, please email them to Terri Clayton, [terri@mvpchurch.org](mailto:terri@mvpchurch.org).