



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 27, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

† For those who are able, please stand.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Concerto in D: RV 93, I. Allegro
Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

Scott Plato & Matthias Young

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Soaring high like a great tree and covering the ground like a mustard bush,

ALL: **God's kingdom is near!**

ONE: Lighting the way forward for all who search and wait,

ALL: **God's kingdom is near!**

ONE: Calming storms and controlling death and destruction,

ALL: **God's kingdom is near!**

ONE: Nurturing a harvest to change the world,

ALL: **God's kingdom is near!**

ONE: Let us worship God!

† HYMN #308

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

KINGSFOLD

O sing a song of Bethlehem, Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them From angels in the air;
The light that shone on Bethlehem Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth The angels sing away.

O sing a song of Nazareth, Of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, And of the sinless Boy;
For now the flowers of Nazareth In every heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of His dear Name On all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, Of lake and woods and hill,
Of Him who walked upon the sea And bade the waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee, Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word, Falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, Its glory and dismay;
Of Him who hung upon the tree, And took our sins away:
For He who died on Calvary Is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, Is mighty now to save.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Abernethy

Merciful God, receive our honesty with your grace. Give us the courage to be vulnerable.

Merciful God, we confess that we cause life to diminish instead of flourish. We dismiss our neighbor's experience as less important than our own experience. We support systems that oppress our neighbor and seem too big to change. We lose hope that our neighbor will listen to us fairly. We have less and less energy to pray for a change. Forgive us God, and fill us with your Spirit. Excite us through a kingdom that brings a new way of life in your love for all. Bless us with the courage to act on our hope. May life flourish here! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: ...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

† RESPONSE

"Glory to God"

GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Abernethy

(All children 5th grade and younger are invited to come forward for storytelling and prayer.)

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✠ THE WORD ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34

HOMILY

Which is to Say...

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† SONG

"Thy Word"

Amy Grant

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end (*to refrain*)

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end (*to refrain*)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
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 the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. 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.

OFFERTORY

Concerto in D: RV 93, II. Largo
Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

Scott Plato & Matthias Young

† DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Abernethy

✠ SENDING ✠

† HYMN #370

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”
WOODWORTH

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

TOWN HALL

BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt



*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 plates in the Narthex as you exit.*

Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor
Matthias Young, Director of Music
Ryan Sawyer, Organist Apprentice
Scott Plato, Guest Musician



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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 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.

Visitor Info: Please go to our website: 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.



Town Hall Meeting: Please join us for a Town Hall meeting **TODAY** right after worship in the Sanctuary to gauge what Sunday mornings will look like as we move toward fall.

Called Congregational Meeting: On **Sunday, July 25** we will meet to vote on selling a small portion of MVPC property to the City of Sandy Springs to make improvements on Mount Vernon Highway.

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

Upcoming Services:

July 4 (10:00)	Matthew 14:1-12, "Interdependence Day", Rev. Barrett Abernethy
July 11 (10:00)	Acts 9:1-10, "On the Road", Rev. Barrett Abernethy



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



Nursery Help: We need someone to work in the nursery on **Sat., July 3, Sunday, July 4, and August 1**. If interested, please contact Yvonne by calling the office.

Covid-19 Fund: There is still a need!

Donations as of June 20	\$84,132
Disbursements	\$81,071
Balance on Hand	\$ 3,061



We need people to sign up for overnight hosts between July 4 - July 17.
Sign up here: mvpchurch.org/serve/

June 27, 2021



Office Closed on **Friday, July 2** and **Monday, July 5** in observance of the holiday.

Meeting Space: As programs and activities are returning to “normal”, please let us know if you need meeting space. Send an email to debbie@mvpcchurch.org.

Taize Service will resume in August – in the narthex!

Godly Play will resume in August.

Sunday School: The Discovery class will meet **July 4** at 11:00 a.m. after the service in the Session Room. Barrett & Isaac will lead our class in June & July focusing on sermons they have written.

Weekly Ways to Connect: Tuesday Phone Devotional @ 2:00 p.m., Facebook, Instagram, weekly *Happenings*



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. Please label your items for Drake House. **Today** is the last day for donations. 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: Anne Baynham, Julie Chesnutt, Bruce Hagenau, Christy Hill, Corny Laube, Kirk Pumphrey, Dave Whitacre

Congratulations on the birth of Beatrice Grady Chalpan born June 10 to Lizzie & Kevin Chalpan, proud grandparents are Kirk & Sarah Chalpan!

Attendance: 6/13: 107(Sanctuary), 45(online)

Giving



Financial Update

June 17–23	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$6,465	\$271,563	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 500	\$ 15,221	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 13	\$ 5,644	\$ 6,000
Total	\$6,978	\$292,428	\$ 514,290

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings* or Good News, please email them to debbie@mvpcchurch.org.