



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 11, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

† For those who are able, please stand.

✠ GATHERING ✠

INTROIT

“Prayer Is the Soul's Desire”
Matthias Young

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PRELUDE

“Construct No. 3”
Ryan Sawyer

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Andrea Brantley

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

ONE: Road trips are part of the summer experience.

ALL: **We explore, discover, and wonder what is over the horizon.**

ONE: Whether we take the well trod path or the one less traveled,

ALL: **We are invited to take in the sites, talk to the locals, and enjoy the good food.**

ONE: Amid the leisure, may we find God along the Way

ALL: **As Saul regained his sight on the Damascus Road, may we see the Lord wherever we go.**

Let us worship God.

† HYMN #425 (v. 1, 3, 4)

“Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord of light, Your name outshining All the stars and suns of space,

Use our talents in Your kingdom As the servants of Your grace;

Use us to fulfill Your purpose In the gift of Christ Your Son:

Abba, as in highest heaven, So on earth Your will be done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing, At Your feet may lowly kneel;

With Your grace our triumphs hallow, With Your charity our zeal;

Lift the nations from the shadows To the gladness of the sun:

Abba, as in highest heaven, So on earth Your will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchers, Never silent day or night;

By the cross of Jesus, bringing Peace to all and healing light;

By the love that passes knowledge, Making all Your children one:

Abba, as in highest heaven, So on earth Your will be done.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

God of hope, you invite us on the road to bask in the journey of life.
Too often, however, the road becomes a place where we let out our worst:
rage, impatience, honking horns, and frustration.
Help us to see that the noise and the traffic are fleeting.
Help us to not persecute the one a lane over.
Help us to inspire graciousness and embody an attitude of welcome.
For you and your Son are the ultimate freeway.
Let us live into that freedom, and by doing so, let use see the road in whole new way...Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: ...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

(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. Abernethy

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-19

HOMILY

On the Road

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† HYMN #525

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (*to refrain*)
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (*to refrain*)

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

Rev. Abernethy

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

"Rumor de copla"

Matthias Young

Federico Moreno Torroba (1891-1982)

† 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. Toney-Schmitt

✠ SENDING ✠

† HYMN #540

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

† POSTLUDE

“Blue Bird”

Ryan Sawyer

Ikimono Gakari; arr. Andrew Song



*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



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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.



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.

Vespers at the Towers: TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Services:

July 18	Exodus 16:1-3, John 7:37-39, "We Go Outside", Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt
July 25	Luke 5:1-11, "We Go to the Beach", 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 help to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact Yvonne by calling 404.255.2211.

 **Family Promise** We need people to sign up for overnight hosts this week between July 11 – July 17.
Sign up here: mvpchurch.org/serve/

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

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Taize Service will resume in August – in the narthex!

Godly Play will resume in August.

Sunday School: The Discovery class will meet **TODAY** 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 welcomes all going through a difficult loss, transition, or life change. At such a tumultuous moment, it is comforting to have someone who listens and really hears, someone who comforts and encourages, and someone who is constant when other things in your life are not. Our church has invested in the training of these ministers so that no member here or friends in our community will have to face difficulty alone but will be able to quickly access help. Call or email our ministers or Pat Barte, Stephen Leader, to set up your first visit.

The July Communion Offering is school supplies for **Stirred-Up Ministries**, a youth enrichment program in the East Lake area of Atlanta, and for the **Teacher's Supply Closet** a joint program with the Sandy Springs Education Force and Community Assistance Center (CAC) which provides school supplies for local teachers to distribute to their economically disadvantaged students. School supplies for students of all ages from kindergarten through high school are needed. Donations may be brought to the worship service in July or dropped off in the bin outside the church office at any time. A list of requested supplies is listed in the weekly *Happenings*. 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, Corny Laube, Richard Player, Kirk Pumphrey, Dave Whitacre

Attendance: 7/4 72(Sanctuary), 38(online)

Giving



Financial Update

July 1-7	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$15,445	\$292,260	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 520	\$ 16,251	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 45	\$ 5,774	\$ 6,000
Total	\$16,010	\$314,285	\$ 514,290

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