



# MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

† *For those who are able, please stand.*

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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INTROIT

**“How Can I Keep from Singing”**

Matthias Young

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PRELUDE

**“Odessa”**

Matthew Lorick

Ryan Sawyer

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Outside of our houses, school buildings, and workplaces is a world teeming with life;

ALL: **God calls us to unexpected places of renewal.**

ONE: Outside of these walls are trees and mountains, rivers and canyons,

ALL: **Each of them a reflection of God’s glory and our wonder.**

ONE: Oh God, call us outside of ourselves in worship this morning and into your life,

ALL: **Guide us into a great web of connections.**

ONE: May we draw near to blessings and new life this morning; Let us worship God!

### † HYMN #411

**“Arise, Your Light Is Come”**

FESTAL SONG

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captives’ liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.

### † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Abernethy

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don’t notice, that you aren’t even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ...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. 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 ✠

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:1-3 + John 7:37-39

HOMILY

*We Go Outside*

✠ RESPONSE ✠

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† HYMN #446

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded, Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

† 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. Abernethy

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

"Fugue in A Minor" BWV 559  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ryan Sawyer

† 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 ✠

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HYMN (*see insert*)

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"  
KINGSFOLD

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am the dawning light.  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

† POSTLUDE

"Firefish"  
Blake Tyson

Ryan Sawyer



*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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