



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

INTROIT

“Relictis Omnibus”

Matthias Young

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PRELUDE

“Romanian Folk Dances”

Béla Bartók (1881-1945)

Ryan Sawyer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christina Toney-Schmitt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

ONE: In the summertime, we get out on the open road and we bask in the hot sun.

ALL: In the summertime, we long to put our hands in the sand
and witness the assurance of the waves.

ONE: "The Beach" is not just a place. It is a mindset.

A euphemism for rest and relaxation.

ALL: A place to wonder what is beyond the horizon.

ONE: Jesus invites us at the beach to act upon that wonder.

To leave everything and follow him.

ALL: Let us have the courage to drop our nets.

Let us worship God!

† HYMN #422

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure too You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

You call us and we ignore your whisper, listening to the voices of this world.
You call us and we choose a different path, following our own devices.
You call us to be your voice in this world, to be your hands in this world,
to be your feet in this world, to proclaim your peace,
your comfort, forgiveness, healing, love and grace.
Forgive us, open our ears, call us again, and use us. 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

Luke 5:1-11

HOMILY

We Go to the Beach

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† HYMN (*see insert*)

“Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”
KELVINGROVE

† 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

“Estudio”
Francisco Tárrega (1852-1909) + Arr. Matthias Young

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. Toney-Schmitt

✠ SENDING ✠

† HYMN #419

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

REPTON

How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your word, And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care: Our inward life repair.

We mark Your saints, how they became In hindrances more sure,
Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear Your name,
And by our faults obscure Your power to cleanse and cure.

In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new, May we not cease to look to You—
The cross You hung upon—All You endeavored done.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go with Us, Lord”

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Rev. Abernethy

POSTLUDE

“Clockwork Sketch”

Ryan Sawyer

Ryan Sawyer

TOWN HALL

Rev. Abernethy & 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

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Our mailing address is
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Sandy Springs, GA 30358

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: TODAY 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.



Town Hall Meeting: Please join us for our 2nd Town Hall Meeting immediately after worship **TODAY**. If you didn't attend the first meeting, we encourage you to attend. We will have a final Town Hall on **August 8** that will explore what your pastors have observed and to get your responses.

Fellowship Luncheon: Sunday, **August 1** after worship in Fellowship Hall for fried chicken. Please sign up using the SignUp Genius on our website.

4 Ways to Give Tithes: Offering plates, Online, Mail, or QR code in the pew.



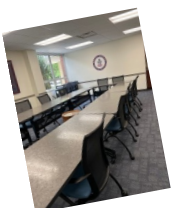
Upcoming Services:

August 1 Matthew 14:22-33, "We Get In/On the Water", Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt
August 8 Psalm 46, Psalm 121, "We Rest", Rev. Barrett Abernethy

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



Nursery Help: We need help to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Yvonne by calling 404.255.2211.



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.

July 25, 2021

Taize Service will resume Tuesday, **August 10** at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Godly Play will resume in August.

Sunday School: The Discovery class will **NOT** meet today.

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

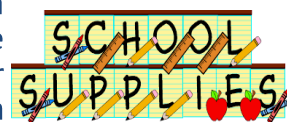


The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom Fall issue will be available in the narthex in September.



The MVPC Stephen Ministry No matter the Godly life lived, rain does fall in most lives, and, sometimes a good bit of rain. Having a strong support system makes it easier to make good decisions and return to wholeness sooner. Stephen Ministry would like to be your "go to" place when you need that temporary company through dark days. Call or email our ministers or Pat Bartee, 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, Linda Bhame, Julie Chesnutt, Bruce Hagenau, Corny Laube, Richard Player, Kirk Pumphrey, Kirby Smith, Dave Whitacre

Funerals/Memorials: Will Luckey, Jr., died July 14 (service **July 25** at 3pm); Linda Bhame, died July 20 (service at Roswell Presbyterian Church **July 27** at 1:30pm); Bert Hels, died July 5 (service **Aug. 1** at 3pm)

Congratulations on the birth of *Anna Kent Hunter* on July 4 to Matthew & Kathleen Hunter, proud grandparents are Rev. Ron & Melisha Gilreath.

Attendance: 7/18 68(Sanctuary), 64(online)

Giving



Financial Update

| July 15-21 | Actual | Actual YTD | 2021 Budget |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Pledge Member Giving | \$6,770 | \$305,045 | \$438,290 |
| Member Giving Non-Pledge | \$1,375 | \$ 18,076 | \$ 70,000 |
| Non Member Giving & Loose Offering | \$ 71 | \$ 5,872 | \$ 6,000 |
| Total | \$8,216 | \$328,993 | \$ 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