



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 1, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

INTROIT

“Vere Filius Dei es”
(“Thou Art the Son of God”)
Matthias Young

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PRELUDE

“Iberia: Evocation”
Isaac Albéniz (1860-1909)

Ryan Sawyer

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP (ADAPTED FROM PSALM 85)

ONE: The Psalmist declares that the Lord speaks to us, that the Lord gives what is good.

ALL: **They declare that steadfast love and faithfulness will meet,**

ONE: That righteousness and peace will kiss each other,

ALL: **That faithfulness will spring up from the ground,**

ONE: and righteousness will look down from the sky.

ALL: **Filled with these promises, turn our hearts to the Lord;**

ONE: Let us worship God!

† HYMN #476 (V. 1, 2, & 5)

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”
LYONS

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Abernethy

God, You call us to step out onto the water in faith, to place our lives in Your hands,
and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do.
It is not always easy to follow where You lead, to turn away from our own personal wants and desires,
to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things.
Forgive us when we doubt You. Increase our faith by your presence.
Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns,
to Your broader vision for us and for our world...Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

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. Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33

HOMILY

Standing, Water

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† HYMN #361 (v. 1, 3, & 5)

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Nicene Creed*)

Rev. Abernethy

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Abernethy & Rev. Toney-Schmitt

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Hear My Prayer, O God"

James Kent (1700-1776) • Arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

† 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 ✠

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL (*SEE INSERT*)

“You Are My All in All”

JERNIGAN

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Song of Simeon”

American Folk Melody + Arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1888-1983)

POSTLUDE

“Mazurka in E Minor:” Op. 17, No. 2

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

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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