



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 15, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

† For those who are able, please stand.

✠ GATHERING ✠

INTROIT

"The Lord Is My Song"
Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Matthias Young

PRELUDE

10 Little Pieces: 1. "Albumblatt"
Max Reger (1873-1916)

Ryan Sawyer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Irene Wong, *Atlanta Ministry with International Students (AMIS)*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

ONE: We have enjoyed summer leisure...

ALL: **Road trips, Beach Trips, Mountaintop Experiences.**

ONE: Now as we return from our adventures we are ready for a season of labor...

ALL: **Our Passions, Our Callings, Our Service, Our Purpose, Our Hopes.**

ONE: Lead us Great God, to hear the plans you have for us.

ALL: **Let us Gather, Proclaim, Respond, and Go Forth.**

ONE: Let us worship God!

† HYMN #343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end

Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues free and fair

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Merciful God, you told the prophet that before he was formed in the womb he was known by you,
and that before he was born, he was consecrated by you.
Too often, however, we try to act like we are not known by you. That you are foreign to our lives.
We declare your teachings as idealistic and impractical
because we are scared of what your calling might look like in this world.
Help us to see your calling as not just theology, but as a way of life.
Help us to not run from you, but to turn toward you when we seek answers,
or when we need to ask questions. For we know our calling in this life is not permanent and immovable,
but rather is in constant motion. Let us move with you. Let us move with your Holy Spirit,
who longs to run, walk, dance, and sit beside us on this journey.
To the God who is always present, we give thanks and praise. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE #191

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

WINCHESTER OLD

God is our refuge and our strength,
Our ever-present aid,
And therefore, though the earth remove,
We will not be afraid.

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

HOMILY

We are Called

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† HYMN #429 (v. 1, 2, 5)

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission,

And the gospel go unheard,

Help us witness to your purpose

With renewed integrity;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise,

Life abundant meant for each,

Give us all new fervor, draw us

Closer in community;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

"I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring,

may we serve as you intend,

and, amid the cares that claim us,

hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

† 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

“DFs”
Ryan Sawyer

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† 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 ✠

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL

“Sanctuary”
Randy Scruggs (1953-2018)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You
Lord, teach your children to stop their fighting, start uniting all as one.
Let's get together, loving forever, Sanctuary, for You. (*repeat verse 1*)

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #583

“Amen”
Marty Haugen

POSTLUDE

“Prayer of Saint Gregory”
Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)

Ryan Sawyer

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*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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