



# MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 22, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

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

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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PRELUDE

**“In the Village”**

Ryan Sawyer

Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Carol Beckman, rep. *Garden City Presbyterian*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

ONE: With what shall we come before the Lord?

What shall we bring into the presence of our God,  
as an expression of our worship and praise?

ALL: Shall we bring him all that we own—

our finest possessions, our life-savings,  
our investments and property?

Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

ONE: Perhaps, if what you possess is what is separating you from God.

God has told you what is good, however,  
and what is expected of you:

ALL: To do justice.

To love mercy.

To walk humbly before him.

ONE: Let us Worship God!

† MORNING SONG

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Paul Balloche (b. 1962) • Arr. Matthias Young

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You. I want to see You *(repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy.

I want to see You.

*(repeat)*

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Redeeming God, often our labor becomes our identity.  
We see our jobs as paramount to our families.  
We see people as products or consumers.  
We are surrounded by a world that tells us to work harder, make more, achieve more.  
Help us to detach from these false idols, help us to unlearn these "truths."  
Invite us to create a world where labor and justice go hand and hand.  
Where the essential worker enjoys an essential day off.  
Where the service worker can be served mercy instead of harshness.  
Where the manager can walk humbly along the assembly line  
rather than standing overhead like an ominous master.  
Let us find that truth, the prophetic truth, the one your Son delivered,  
the one the church is called to carry out.  
Grant us the hope to do what is good, righteous, and equitable in this world for your people.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE #386

"O for a World"  
AZMON

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

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 ✠

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Abernethy

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8

HOMILY

*Responsive Labor*

## ✠ RESPONSE ✠

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† HYMN (*SEE INSERT*)

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

DUKE STREET

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From the Second Helvetic Confession*)

Rev. Abernethy

In all crises and trials of our life we call upon God alone,  
and that by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ.  
For we have been explicitly commanded: “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,  
and you shall glorify me.” Moreover, we have a most generous promise from the Lord who said:  
“If you ask anything of God, God will give it to you,” and:  
“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” And since it is written:  
“How are humans to call upon God in whom they have not believed?”,  
and since we do believe in God alone, we assuredly call upon God alone, and we do so through Christ.  
For as the apostle says, “There is one God and there is one mediator between God and humanity,  
the person of Christ Jesus,” and, “If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with God the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous.” 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

*Ludus Tonalis: “Praeludium”*

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

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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† SONG FOR DISMISSAL

**"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"**

Martin Smith (b. 1970)

Over the mountains and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing  
Of when Your love came down  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

† CHORAL RESPONSE

**"Amen"**

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

POSTLUDE

**"Polaris"**

Mark Ford (b. 1958)

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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