



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

"The Spruce"

Ryan Sawyer

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lynn Tarnow, *International Women's House*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

ONE: We work to live.

ALL: **We work to prosper.**

ONE: What does prosperity envision?

ALL: **Our own gain? No. It envisions the reign of Christ.**

ONE: Hence human labor should be an expression of praise.

ALL: **That is why liturgy- the order of worship- is the "work of the people."**

ONE: Let us do our worship work then, saints!

ALL: **Indeed, let us worship God!**

† MORNING SONG #411

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

FESTAL SONG

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

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

† PRAYER OF CELEBRATION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

For the world of work in all its diversity: **hear us, good Lord.**
For the industry and workplaces of this community: **hear us, good Lord.**
For the right ordering of work in time of technological change: **hear us, good Lord.**
For communities that have lost traditional industries,
and for their regeneration: **hear us, good Lord.**
For all expanding industries and for the promise of new jobs: **hear us, good Lord.**
For small businesses and co-operatives: **hear us, good Lord.**
For local trade and commerce: **hear us, good Lord.**
For all service industries that provide for our daily needs: **hear us, good Lord.**
For the unemployed and for those living in poverty: **hear us, good Lord.**
For graduates and all who are seeking to enter employment: **hear us, good Lord.**
For the retired and those unable to work: **hear us, good Lord.**
For all who work as volunteers: **hear us, good Lord.**
Hear us, so we may hear you and live into the purpose of work of responding to the creation you, good Lord,
have already created. To you be all Glory and Honor. Alleluia! Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE #106

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

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

Colossians 3:18- 4:6

HOMILY

The Purpose of Labor

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† SONG IN RESPONSE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Lord the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Refrain

Shine Jesus shine Fill this land With the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow Flood the nations With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord And let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me (*to refrain*)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me (*to refrain*)

† 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

“Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Bach”

Ryan Sawyer

Max Reger (1873-1916)

† 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.

✠ SENDING ✠

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL

“I Love You, Lord”

Laurie Klein (b. 1950)

I love you, Lord
and I lift my voice
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice
Take joy, my King,
in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Lydian Amen”

Matthias Young

POSTLUDE

“Jeux d’eau”

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

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.*

We invite you to join us for a reception in appreciation of Ryan Sawyer immediately following the service.

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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MVPC Announcements....



Welcome! Updated Covid Protocols – In light of new CDC recommendations, we are strongly encouraging all people, whether vaccinated or not, wear a mask if they worship or if they engage in any indoor ministry gathering.

Visitors & Membership: 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. If you are interested in joining MVP Church, please talk to one of the pastors after the service.

Upcoming Services:



September 5
September 12

Matthew 6:25-34, "We Plan Ahead", Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt
2 Timothy 3:10-17, "Faithful Character: Timothy",
Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Youth: We're back! We meet on Sunday from 5-6:30pm at Gailey Hall. We provide dinner, activity, and a lesson for the youth. We do need volunteers to provide dinners. Please contact Isaac to sign up.

Fall Kickoff Save the Date: Sunday, September 12 after **outdoor** worship service!

Fall Outdoor Worship Services: September 12, October 3, November 14



MVPC Choir: Do you love to sing? We would love to have you join us at rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Choir Room! Contact Matthias for more information.



Thank You Ryan! Please stay afterward for a brief reception in the Narthex.

August 29, 2021

Adult Sunday School: The Discovery class will meet today after the service in the Session room.

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



Presbyterian Women: We start back in September with CT (9/7 @ 10 in Chapel); Book Circle (9/10 @ 10 in Session Room); Retreat (9/26 @ 12:15 in Kirk Center)

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

The MVPC Stephen Ministry Are you feeling overwhelmed, anxious, maybe losing sleep over physical, emotional, or spiritual issues in your life? Please utilize our skilled and caring Stephen Ministry team for a weekly, personal, confidential relationship. Your Stephen Minister will be a temporary companion and see you through to a resolution. Call or email our ministers or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to set up your first visit.



The August Communion Offering will be for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Most Needed Items: Laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, sturdy paper plates & Styrofoam bowls, hot & cold drinking cups, paper towels, cleaning supplies, breakfast food, coffee, sugar, creamer, paper lunch bags, Ziplock sandwich bags, snack items for sack lunches, grooming supplies, reading glasses, heavy duty 55 gallon trash bags. A list is available in the Narthex. Donations may be brought to any worship service in August or dropped off in the donation bin outside the church office at any time. Thank you for your generosity.



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



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, Julie Chesnutt, Iva Corbin, Bruce Hagenau, Kirk Pumphrey, Kirby Smith, Dave Whitacre

Attendance: 8/22 69(Sanctuary), 17(online)

Giving



Financial Update

August 18-25	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$6,020	\$343,678	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 60	\$ 26,566	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 67	\$ 7,218	\$ 6,000
Total	\$6,147	\$377,462	\$ 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