



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 ✠ 10:00 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Prelude-Pastorale on “Fairest Lord Jesus”
Garth Edmundson (1892-1971)

Dr. Kenneth Sass

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q 28)

Rev. Abernethy

ONE: How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

ALL: We can be patient when things go against us,

Thankful when things go well,

And for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God.

ONE: Nothing in creation will separate us from God’s love, for all creatures are
Completely in God’s hand.

ALL: Sing praises to our God who knows us!

ONE: Sing praises! Let us worship God!

† MORNING SONG #482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again,

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Abernethy

God of grace, your scripture tells us not to worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own; that today's trouble is enough for today. How do we do this? We confess that each day brings worries from the past, present, and future. These worries sweep us away, and we forget your love and purpose for us. We channel our worry into routines of more work and forced rest. Bring our spirits home to you. Forgive us our shifting attention and worried lives, inviting us to worship and rest in your grace. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: ...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE #600, v. 5

"Song of Mary"

MORNING SONG

Praise God, whose loving covenant
Supports those in distress,
Remembering past promises
With present faithfulness.

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. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34

HOMILY

The Next Step

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† SONG IN RESPONSE #333

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things Shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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.

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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
Silesian folk melody (c. 1842)

† 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

“Awesome God”

Rich Mullins (1955-1997)

(Cantor sings the verse, followed by the choir, then the congregation.)

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love;
Our God is an awesome God.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“Sevenfold Amen”

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

† POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Op. 7, No. 3

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Dr. Sass



*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

Dr. Kenneth Sass, Principal Organist

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