



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 ✠ 10:30 AM

† For those who are able, please stand.

*As we move from a time of fellowship in Connection to a time of worship in Church,
let us enter the Sanctuary in a prayerful manner,
and may we open our hearts and minds to worship God.*

✠ GATHERING ✠

RINGING OF THE BELLS

INTROIT

"I Will Praise Thee, O Lord"
(Confitebor tibi, Domine)
Matthias Young

PRELUDE

"Préambule" Op. 31, No.1
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Dr. Kenneth Sass

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† MORNING SONG

"How Majestic Is Your Name"
HOW MAJESTIC

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shari Freeman

Ever present and gracious God, we can see you in the pure and righteous parts of life, but it is harder to see you in the dark and nefarious corners. Like Ruth, we live in a world where too many people have no control over their bodies, or whom they love, and are forced to submit. We lament that sense of horror for those we know, those we don't, and yes, those who are us. We failed you, maybe not as individuals, but our brokenness failed you. Our lust, our thirst for power, our hatred. It's what leads us, those we know, those we don't, those that are us to commit such sin, or to be complicit in it. Help us to see you in these moments. Help those who suffer in the dark to see you. Help us to be better collectively and individually. Help us so that there may be no more Ruth's so that all may have agency to be who they are, and to belong solely to you, Great and Loving God. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

HOMILY

The Threshing Floor Generation

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† SONG IN RESPONSE #419

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

(v. 1, 2, 4)

REPTON

How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your word, And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care: Our inward life repair.

In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new, May we not cease to look to You—
The cross You hung upon— All You endeavored done.

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

Shari Freeman

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

"Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old"

Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)

Please remain seated; as the choir stands, let us then all stand together in song.

† 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

Sam McClurg

✠ SENDING ✠

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL #253
(v. 1, 3, 4)

“I’ll Praise My Maker”
OLD 113TH

I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath; And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne’er be past
While life, and thought, and being last, Or immortality endures.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; The Lord supports the fainting mind
And send the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress,
The widowed and the parentless, And grants the prisoner sweet release.

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Praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne’er be past
While life and thought and being last, Or immortality endures.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go With Us, Lord”
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God” Op. 65, No. 59
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Dr. Sass



Leading Today’s Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor
Matthias Young, Director of Worship
Dr. Kenneth Sass, Principal Organist
Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern

*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 as you exit.*

*If you are interested in joining MVP Church, go to the Visitor’s Table to pick up a visitor bag with a little gift
and someone will be there to greet you.*

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