



# MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022 • 10:30 AM

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

## GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Atlanta Concert Band Brass Quintet

RINGING OF THE BELLS

INTROIT

**“Alleluia”**

Jeff Danna

Adapted & Arranged by Matthias Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The stone has been rolled away.

ALL: **The grave clothes are lying in a heap.**

ONE: The body is gone.

ALL: **Mary’s weeping is halted by the man’s questions:**

ONE: Why are you crying?

ALL: **Who is it you are looking for?**

ONE: Let us proclaim with Mary:

ALL: **We have seen the risen Lord!**

ONE: Christ is Risen!

ALL: **Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.**

† MORNING SONG

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

**EASTER HYMN**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

During Lent, Christians “bury” the Alleluia or abstain from saying it while intentionally focus on Christ’s journey to the cross. With the arrival of Easter Sunday, the shout of “Alleluia” or “Praise be to God!” cannot be said or heard enough!

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us. When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us. Bring to mind the cry of Mary, "I have seen the Lord!" and grant us faith to believe... (*silent confession*)...Amen.

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## † RESPONSE

"Alleluia"

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594); arr. Matthias Young



## 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

John 20:1-18

### HOMILY

*The 8th Mark: Resurrectional Hope*

## RESPONSE

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*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.

† SONG IN RESPONSE

**“Hail Thee, Festival Day!”  
SALVE FESTA DIES**

*Refrain*

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;  
Day when our Lord was raised, Breaking the kingdom of death  
Christ, who was nailed to the cross, Is Lord and the Ruler of nature;  
All things created on earth Sing to the glory of God: *(refrain)*  
Rise from the grave now, O Lord, The author of life and creation.  
Treading the pathway of death, new life You give to us all: *(refrain)*  
God the Almighty, the Lord, The ruler of earth and the heavens  
Guard us from harm without; cleanse us from evil within: *(refrain)*  
Jesus, the health of the world, Enlighten our minds, great Redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme, only begotten of God: *(refrain)*  
Spirit of life and of power, Now flow in us, fount of our being,  
Light that enlightens us all, life that n all my abide: *(refrain)*  
Praise to the giver of good! O Lover and Author of concord,  
Pour out Your balm on our days; order our ways in Your peace: *(refrain)*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Abernethy  
Rev. Toney-Schmitt  
Shari Freeman

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**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing who forever proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power, Giver of life, life,  
Heaven and earth declare your splendor. Praise, glory, and love are yours.**

**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**

*(The congregation is invited to come forward to receive communion. If you prefer a Covid Communion kit, come forward and let the pastor know. If you prefer to remain seated, an usher will bring it to you.)*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Rev. Abernethy

**OFFERTORY**

**“Salvation Is Created”  
Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944)**

† 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.

Sometimes we pastors are asked, “Why do we receive a big piece of bread during communion?” We give a good mouthful of “the body of Christ” to remind you that the abundant love of Christ is not small but bold and full of grace. Give thanks when you receive a big piece of bread!

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL    "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"  
HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise you spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

Brian Wren wrote these lyrics to Beethoven's famous tune in 1984. He said that these lyrics show that "Christian peace and justice finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in resurrection."

† BENEDICTION (*see insert*)

Rev. Abernethy

"Hallelujah Chorus"  
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

POSTLUDE

"Hallelujah, Amen"  
Judas Maccabaeus, arr. Lani Smith  
G.F. Handel

Donna Maini

Leading Today's Worship Service  
**Rev. Barrett Abernethy**, Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt**, Associate Pastor  
**Matthias Young**, Director of Worship  
**Shari Freeman**, Seminary Intern  
**Donna Maini**, Accompanist

Atlanta Concert Band Brass Quintet  
James Blackburn and Elaine Cekis - Trumpet  
Sean Mack - Trombone  
Lisa Carlton - French Horn  
John Hibbard - Tuba

*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 places as you exit.*

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

We are located at:  
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P.O. Box 76051  
Sandy Springs, GA 30358

# MVPC Announcements....



**WWW.MVPCHURCH.ORG**

Help us out with our "Summer Song Series"! What is a hymn or song you want sung and for Barrett & Isaac to preach on?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome!** We are glad to worship with you in the Sanctuary today. If you would like more information on the church protocols, you can find a link on our website.

**Visitors & Membership:** Please go to our website: [mvpchurch.org](http://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 stop at the **Welcome Table in the Narthex** and pick up a visitor bag where someone will be there to greet you.



## Upcoming Services:



- April 24 **Outdoor Service**, Genesis 1:1-31, "And God Said That It Was Good", Rev. Barrett Abernethy
- May 1 Confirmation Sunday, Communion, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

**Ushers:** We will resume the practice of passing the offering plates during worship on April 10, but we need more ushers. Please contact Kirk Chalpan or the church office if you would like to serve.

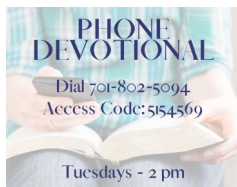


**Youth:** We will NOT meet today.

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 18**



**April 17, 2022**



Make sure to follow us  
on social media to stay  
up to date!

Giving



**Stephen Ministry:** Do you remember that song about no man being an island? A Jewish friend often says we were created to be connective. No one should ever feel they must "go it alone". We are meant to relate. Especially at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, we have ways to hear and to help you. One of those ways is to be involved with a Stephen Minister, a trained lay person who will walk with you through hard or troubling times, keeping it confidential, while lifting you up and helping you back on your feet. Call a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to get involved.



**April Communion Offering** is for Community Assistance Center (CAC) helping restock the Food Pantry with toiletries and non-perishable foods. The blue shopping bags with a list of most needed items attached are in the Narthex.



**Conversation (Adult Sunday School):** Crossroads meets in the Session Room, and Discovery meets in the Chapel and are using the book "The Present Word".

**Presbyterian Women:** The **Day Circle** will meet on April 12 and the **Sunday Circle** will meet on April 10. They will study lesson 7, "Mary", in the Horizons Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. The Book Circle will meet on April 8 and review the book, *Clementine, the Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill*, by Sonia Purnell. On April 12, many of the Day Circle members will stay after the meeting for the Daily Devotional and light lunch. The **Circle of Grace** will meet at the home of Gloria Gillespie on April 24.



**The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom** Spring/Summer issue will be available in May.

**Prayer Concerns:** Jeannie Lee, Rev. Asa Meadows, Alistair Morine, Beverly Northrop, Rob Southard, Jody Travis, Dave Whitacre, people of Ukraine, and vulnerable families, Zambia, Los Niños Primero, CAC, Family Promise

**Christian Sympathy** to Bob Addison and family on the death of Ann Addison April 14.

**Congratulations** on the birth of Lucas Martin Barclift Emery born April 10 to Marc & Rachel Emery. Proud grandparents are David & Debbie Barclift.

**Attendance:** 4/10 86(Sanctuary), 34(online)

*Please sign the Attendance Pad and pass it down the pew as you greet your neighbor!*

### Financial Update

April 1-12	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$20,227	\$ 178,071	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 3,645	\$ 11,368	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 266	\$ 2,479	\$ 10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,138</b>	<b>\$ 191,918</b>	<b>\$ 519,000</b>

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings* or *Good News*, please email them to [debbie@mvpchurch.org](mailto:debbie@mvpchurch.org)