



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OUTDOOR WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 3, 2022 + 10:30 AM

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

"I've Got Peace Like A River"
Arr. Phillip Keveren

Donna Maini

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Abernethy

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Day One...

ALL: **God created the heavens and earth.**

ONE: Day Two...

ALL: **God created the sky.**

ONE: Day Three...

ALL: **The water and land.**

ONE: Day Four...

ALL: **The sun and the moon.**

ONE: Day Five...

ALL: **The fish and the birds.**

ONE: Day Six...

ALL: **Animals and humans**

ONE: Day Seven...

ALL: **We sabbath. Let us worship God.**



Day 1



Day 2

† **MORNING SONG**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
DIX

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. (*refrain*)

For Thy Church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love. (*refrain*)

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shari Freeman

Creator God, words have the power to shape minds and transform hearts. We witness this every time we hear the words of your Son, Jesus Christ. Yet we also know words have the power to destroy and harm the entire world. Today, you invite us to hear words like dominion and subdue anew. For far too long we have heard these words and used them to exploit your creation solely for our personal and corporate consumption. We have ignored how our actions will affect the future and the creation you intend. Transform our understanding this day, Great God. Open our hearts and minds to hear anew so that by having dominion we may disciple to the earth like we are called to disciple to one another. May you subdue us this day so we enact a spirit of stewardship for that which you have envisioned...Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Shari Freeman

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

† RESPONSE

“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. Isaac 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

Genesis 1:1- 2:2

HOMILY

And God Saw That it Was Good...



Day 3



Day 4

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. Abernethy

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Shari Freeman

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.

SONG IN RESPONSE

All Things Bright and Beautiful
ROYAL OAK

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. (*refrain*)

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky; (*refrain*)

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, ev'ry one. (*refrain*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Day 5



Day 6

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL “On Eagle’s Wings”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to
the Lord,

“My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make
you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

POSTLUDE

“This Is My Father’s World”
Arr. Phillip Keveren

Donna Maini



Day 7

Leading Today’s Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor

Matthias Young, Director of Worship

Donna Maini, Accompanist

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 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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Sandy Springs, GA 30328
mvpchurch.org



Our mailing address is:
P.O. Box 76051
Sandy Springs, GA 30358

MVPC Announcements....



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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, 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:



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| May 1 | Confirmation Sunday, Communion, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt |
| May 8 | Outdoor Service, Senior Recognition, "Motherly Love", Isaiah 66:10-14, Rev. Barrett Abernethy |

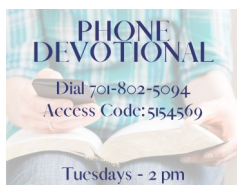
May Day Garden Party! Sunday, May 1 from 4-7pm. Join us for fellowship, Happy Hour, and dinner at David & Debbie Barclift's home. Cost: \$10/person in advance. Reservations required (SignUp Genius on website).

Ushers: We resumed the practice of passing the offering plates during worship but we need more ushers. Please contact Kirk Chalpan or the church office if you would like to serve.



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

April 24, 2022



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on social media to stay
up to date!

Giving



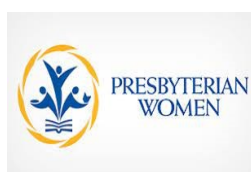
Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry believes in the transformative power of Christ through relationships built during our time with care receivers. The trust and safety we provide encourages free communication and the unburdening of grief, disappointment, anger, and anxiety. Stephen Ministers further believe they are mere vessels through which God's healing and love can flow and that He uses them to bring about change. If you need an unbiased, confidential relationship to help you through a temporary tough time, contact our Stephen Ministry Team through a pastor or through Pat Barter. Stephen Leader.



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. **Drop-off deadline: Friday, April 29**



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 met on April 12 and the Sunday Circle met on April 10. They discussed lesson 7, "Mary", in the Horizons Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. The Book Circle met on April 8 and reviewed the book, *Clementine, the Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill*, by Sonia Purnell. The **Circle of Grace** will meet at the home of Gloria Gillespie TODAY, 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

Attendance: 4/17 Easter Sunrise 45
10:30 Worship 192
Online 52

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

Financial Update

April 13-20	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$11,056	\$ 189,127	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 5,363	\$ 16,731	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 1,182	\$ 3,661	\$ 10,000
Total	\$17,601	\$ 209,519	\$ 519,000

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