



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
MAY 1, 2022 + 10:30 AM

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“The Ash Grove”
arr. Lorie Line

Donna Neumann

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

OPENING PRAYER

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Gather this morning in the community of God’s covenant people

ALL: No matter the time spent wandering and searching, this is our home

ONE: Gather this morning with generations and generations of Christ’s disciples

ALL: The young and the old grow into the great cloud of witnesses

ONE: Gather this morning in a multitude of Spirit-formed relationships

ALL: Support, rest, and hope flow between us

ONE: Let us worship God!

† **MORNING SONG** **“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”**
KINGSFOLD

Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God’s grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

May we in service to our God act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

This Confession is a combination of phrases pulled from the 12-lesson Confirmation course. It emphasizes how recognizing our sin moves us toward confession and forgiveness.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

We make mistakes, as one person and as groups of people. We break God's heart, hurt other people, and damage God's creation. We even hurt ourselves. Even though we return to sin repeatedly as human beings, we believe in a God who returns, again and again, to offer us forgiveness and mercy. We are called to work in the world against sin and evil to transform society in gratitude for God's grace and mercy. Merciful God, forgive us. Guide us from sin and onto your path...*(silent confession)*... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Abernethy

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.

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMAND - Piper Neumann PROFESSION OF FAITH

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Apostles' Creed)*

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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

† 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. Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:14 - 4:7

HOMILY

Crossing Over

Confirmation is a reaffirmation of our baptismal covenant. Youth are called to respond publicly to God's love shown forth in their baptism. The congregation responds by affirming their faith as well.

RESPONSE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Abernethy

Cathy Jenkins, Nancy Kennedy, Barbara Wasson

OFFERTORY

"Alleluia"

Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jeff Schneider

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Abernethy

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

This African-American Spiritual, arranged by Wendell Whalum, sends us all out to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

POSTLUDE

"St. Patrick's Breastplate"
Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Donna Maini

Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor

Matthias Young, Director of Worship

Donna Neumann, Pianist

Donna Maini, Accompanist

Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern

*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.*

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Sandy Springs, GA 30328
mvpchurch.org



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P.O. Box 76051
Sandy Springs, GA 30358

MVPC Announcements....



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. _____

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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:



- May 8 *Outdoor Service, Senior Recognition, "Motherly Love", Isaiah 66:10-14, Rev. Barrett Abernethy*
- May 15 *"Hearing God", 1 Kings 19:9-16, Shari Freeman*

UPDATE!! May Day Garden Party has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 22 from 4-7pm. at David & Debbie Barclift's home. You can pay the \$10 each in the church office, offering plate, or by Paypal.

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.

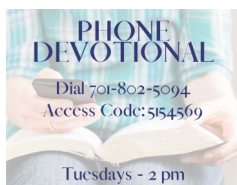


Youth: We will be going off-campus to the Community Assistance Center for our final Outreach event of the Spring. Meet us at Gailey Hall at 4:30pm to carpool to CAC. Dinner will be at Three Dollar Café and will return to the church around 8pm.



Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry is a quiet force within our church. Through confidential, consistent, loving care, the Stephen Ministers help individuals who are grieving, facing health crises, dealing with multiple issues, changing homes and jobs, and any turmoil that causes despair. 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.

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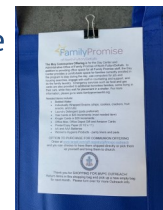


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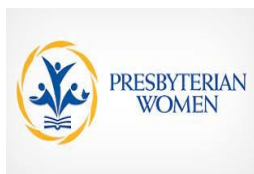
Giving



May Communion Offering is for the Day Center and Administrative Office of Family Promise which has recently relocated to the Roswell area. In addition to providing office space for all Family Promise staff, the Day Center is available from 9 – 5 Monday through Friday for families currently enrolled in the program if they have not yet found work. Pick up a bag in the Narthex with a shopping list attached.



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 May 10 and the **Sunday Circle** will meet on May 8. They will study lesson 8, “Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church”, in the Horizons Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. The **Book Circle** will meet on May 13 and review the book, *The Killer Angels*, by Michael Shaara.

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

Ways to Connect: Are you on our mailing list for the weekly *Happenings* email? How about the monthly newsletter *The Good News*? If not and you would like to receive them, send an email to debbie@mvpchurch.org

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

Attendance: 4/24 10:30 Worship 86
Online 19

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

Financial Update

April 21-27	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 7,253	\$ 196,380	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 511	\$ 17,242	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 45	\$ 3,706	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 7,809	\$ 217,328	\$ 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