



**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**JUNE 5, 2022 • 10:30 AM**

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

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**“Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”**  
arr. Mark Hayes

Donna Maini

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME & PENTECOST VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

ONE: For those volunteers who help with our services: Ushers, Audio-Visual Crew, Choir Members and Musicians.

**ALL: We are thankful for you.**

ONE: For all ministry teams including the elders who lead these teams and other team members.

**ALL: We are thankful for you.**

ONE: For those who are there when our members need you: Stephen Ministers, Bereavement Committee, Funeral Coordinators, Drivers, and volunteers who cook meals for, send cards to, and visit those in need.

**ALL: We are thankful for you.**

ONE: For those who help us gather for Fellowship: Kitchen and Cleanup Crews, Connection Snack Servers, Young Adult Organizers.

**ALL: We are thankful for you.**

ONE: For those who help with Outreach by Shopping for Communion Offerings, Helping with Family Promise, serving on the MVPC Foundation.

**ALL: We are thankful for you.**

ONE: For those who volunteer in the Church Office, take photos, or write articles for our communications.

**ALL: We are thankful for you.**

ONE: For those who teach Sunday School and Children's Church, help with the Youth, serve on the PW Coordinating Team or as Circle Leaders.

**ALL: We are thankful for you.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Pentecost originally brought together people 50 days after Passover. That is why "devout Jews from every nation" gathered at Jerusalem and gives the setting for the church to begin and spread quickly.

## † CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Acts 2:1-21)*

ONE: They came from Phrygia, Pamphylia, and parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene.

ALL: **We come from Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, and the East part of Cobb.**

ONE: They came with divided tongues filled with the Holy Spirit and in search of one church.

ALL: **We come welcoming those divided tongues for we are still filled with the same Spirit and in search of the same one church.**

ONE: Even though they spoke differently they were amazed they could understand each other, asking, "What does this all mean?"

ALL: **We come asking the same question, believing fervently what Peter declared to the crowd, "That everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Let us worship God!**

## † MORNING SONG

### "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#### OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

#### *Refrain*

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me, spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. (*refrain*)

Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share. (*refrain*)

Clara Scott wrote the music and the lyrics to this hymn in 1895. Inspired by Psalm 119:18, this well-known song asks God to help us understand scripture and to make God's love known to others.

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Abernethy

Spirit-filled God, today through songs new and old you invite us to open our eyes and open our hearts. Yet far too often we turn away from those who are hurting in this world. We say it is not my problem or we shrug and say what can we do. This is the cynicism that breeds apathy which allows injustice to reign. On this day when the Holy Spirit witnesses to the church the ability to connect as one body let us be the body who opens our eyes and our hearts to turn toward justice and lift up the hope of Christ in the world. For our actions to call upon the Lord through song this day should move us to call upon the Lord in the world every day. In your holy name we pray for this pentecostal vision ...(*silent confession*)... Amen.

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Abernethy

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

## † RESPONSE

### "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#### TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

† 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

Ephesians 1:11-23

HOMILY

*Open Eyes, Open Heart*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Barmen Declaration)*

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of God's own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"Spirit Divine"

David Clark Isele (1946-2016)

Spirit divine, attend our prayers and make this house your home;  
Descend with all thy gracious powers: O come, great spirit, come!  
Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame;  
Let our whole soul an offering be to our redeemer's name.

† 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

Patricia Hibbard

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Abernethy

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

*(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 "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"**

**OPEN THE EYES**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you;  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you;  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

**† BENEDICTION**

Rev. Abernethy

**POSTLUDE**

**"Prelude No. 4 in F"**

Donna Maini

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Leading Today's Worship Service**

**Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor**

**Matthias Young, Director of Worship**

**Donna Maini, Accompanist**

*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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# MVPC Announcements....

## 3 Ways to Watch!

[mvpchurch.org/watch/](http://mvpchurch.org/watch/)

Facebook Page

YouTube Channel



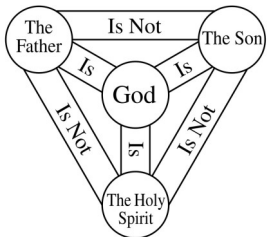
Help us out with our "Summer Song Series"! What is a hymn or song you want sung and for Barrett & Isaac to preach on?

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

[WWW.MVPCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.MVPCHURCH.ORG)

**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:

June 12 "God in Three Persons", Revelation 4:1-11, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

June 19 "Freedom", Exodus 14:5-6, 10-18, 21-23, 26-29, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**Summer Cookout!** Sunday, June 26 after worship. Reserve your spot on the SignUp Genius on our 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.

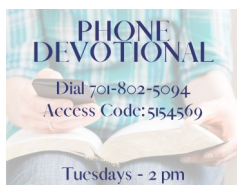
**Family Promise July 3-17:** Our Families will be staying with us for two weeks in July so there will be a variety of ways to help out. SignUp Genius coming soon!

**Stephen Ministry:** How do we bear continual or lingering loss? Problem upon problem and loss after loss can wear down all defenses against despair. Most of us need support for continuing trauma. In Stephen Ministry, we start at the beginning: we talk about it first, unloading our pain and loneliness and lack of a sense of safety and comfort. Having someone there to simply listen and hear us is relieving. Then we begin to look for small steps and actions that can bring us back to equilibrium. It is a blessing to have a "first step" program like Stephen Ministry available to our congregation and our community for any who are dealing with multiple issues or losses. Please contact our ministers or Pat Barte, Stephen Minister to get started.



**June 5, 2022**





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

Giving



**Connection Snacks:** Please sign up on the SignUp Genius on the website or let Debbie know what day you would like to bring snack through the end of July. Thank you to the ones who have signed up and brought their snacks!



**The Pentecost Offering,** one of four annual offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be received TODAY. Proceeds from this offering are divided with 40% retained by the local congregation to support a program for at-risk youth (MVPC has designated Stirred Up Ministries as our recipient). The remaining 60% goes to the General Assembly to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adult programs of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. For more information about the offering, please go online to: [specialofferings.pcusa.org](https://specialofferings.pcusa.org).

**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:** PW will resume on **Sunday, August 28** with our Salad Luncheon and Officer Installation.



**The MVP Members' Gift of Wisdom** Spring/Summer issue is available in the Narthex and Information Centers.

**MVP Foundation:** Join us in our "\$22K for 2022" matching campaign! We have a wonderful donor willing to match dollar for dollar up to \$22K. To date we have received \$12K. The MVP Foundation has provided over \$500,000 to various mission partners such as our Youth Group, Los Niños, CAC, as well as the Intern Program here at MVPC.

**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](mailto:debbie@mvpchurch.org)

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

**Attendance:** 5/29 10:30 Worship 66  
Online 23

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

## Financial Update

May 27-31	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 5,613	\$ 234,050	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 870	\$ 19,707	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 271	\$ 5,192	\$ 10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,754</b>	<b>\$258,949</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)