



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 19, 2022 • 10:30 AM

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

"There is a Balm in Gilead"
arr. Cindy Berry

Donna Maini

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on the hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing"*)

ONE: Lift every voice and sing,

ALL: Till earth and heaven ring,

ONE: Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

ALL: Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;

ONE: Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

ALL: Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

ONE: Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

ALL: Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

ONE: Let us march on,

ALL: Till victory is won! Let us worship God.

† **MORNING SONG**

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

GO DOWN MOSES

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go!
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh, to let my people go!

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said: let my people go!
"If not I'll smite your first born dead," let my people go! (*refrain*)

"No more shall they in bondage toil," let my people go!
"Let them come out with Egypt's spoil," let my people go! (*refrain*)

The poem that
inspires this
confession was
written in 1938.
It speaks of the
American
dream that
never existed
for many
Americans.
Within this
confession are
lyrics from
several
spirituals found
in our pew
hymnals.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

(inspired by Langston Hughes's poem *Let America Be America Again*)

Gracious God, on this day when we celebrate the freedom that we find in your Son, Jesus Christ, we harken to the continuous refrain of the spirituals that have shaped hope for many of our black brothers and sisters. So, we pray to have peace like a river, for someone is crying, Lord. We know many are crying out to you in pain and all too often those hurting have been ignored by those who don't share their pain. We pray for those still bearing slavery's scars and those driven from their land and ask that we seek ways to build equity in this world. On this day, give those in power the ability to acknowledge the privileges received throughout the generations and in turn the openness to hear of the exploitation impressed upon another. For we have been told this is the homeland of the free, and that anyone who lives in Christ must declare that no one shall remain in bondage's toil. In your holy name, we pray.... *(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

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul. I've got river in-a my soul.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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PRESENTATION

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

† HYMN OF WELCOME

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation,
Trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising,
Freed and forgiven thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of the Spirit,
We are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

† 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

Exodus 14:5-6, 10-18,21-23, 26-29

HOMILY

Freedom

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Belhar Confession*)

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

We believe:

that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

Written by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in 1982 as a response to apartheid in South Africa, this confession was adopted by the PCUSA in 2016.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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.

OFFERTORY

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;

We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light; keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;

Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

Commonly known as the "Black National Anthem", this hymn found in our hymnal, was originally a poem recited by Booker T. Washington on the occasion of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. The writer, James Weldon Johnson, sought to compose a piece themed around the struggles of African-Americans following Reconstruction.

† 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

Minnie Robinson

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL

"Wade in the Water"

by John Wesley Work, Jr. (1871-1925)

Refrain (All)

Wade in the water

Wade in the water children

Wade in the water

God's gonna trouble the water

Leader: See that band all dressed in white

All: God's gonna trouble the water

Leader: Leader looks like the Israelite

All: God's gonna trouble the water (refrain)

Leader: See that band all dressed in red

All: God's gonna trouble the water

Leader: Looks like the band that Moses led

All: God's gonna trouble the water (refrain)

Leader: Look over yonder what do I see

All: God's gonna trouble the water

Leader: The Holy Ghost coming over me

All: God's gonna trouble the water (refrain)

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

POSTLUDE

"This Little Light of Mine"
arr. Dixon Loes

Donna Maini

Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate 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.*

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Sandy Springs, GA 30328
mvpchurch.org



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

MVPC Announcements....

3 Ways to Watch!

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

Welcome! We are glad to worship with you 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:



June 26 Los Niños Primero Sunday, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Communion

July 3 "Will We Listen?", Exodus 20:1-21, Rev. Barrett Abernethy



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 20

Summer Cookout! Sunday, June 26 after worship. Reserve your spot on the SignUp Genius on our website. Deadline: Thursday, June 23.



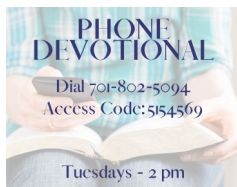
Stephen Ministry: "Loneliness and solitude are two different things. When you are lonely, it is easy to delude yourself into believing that you are on the right path. Solitude is better for us; as it means being alone without feeling lonely. But, eventually, it is the best to find a person who will be your mirror. Remember, only in another person's heart can you truly see yourself and the presence of God within you." Rumi

At our church, that person may be a Stephen Minister, waiting with open arms to be your mirror and your companion through hard times. Please contact a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to get started. Call a minister or Stephen Leader Pat Bartee today.



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 is on our website!

June 19, 2022



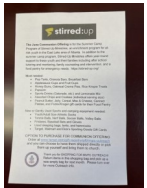
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on social media to stay
up to date!

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 September. There will be no snacks on June 26. Thank you to the ones who have signed up and brought snacks!

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



June Communion Offering: Pick up a blue reusable "Shopping for Outreach" bag with the shopping list for the Stirred-Up Ministries Summer Camp attached on any Sunday in June after the service.

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

The MVPC 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

Do you feel a need for prayer? Have our Prayer Vine pray for you! Email your requests to pbartee@yahoo.com or call the church office at 404.255.2211.

Prayer Concerns: Mrs. JB, James Ballew, Jeannie Lee, Rev. Asa Meadows, Alistair Morine, Irene Nelson, Beverly Northrop, Mary Ann Parker, Rob Southard, Dave Whitacre, people of Ukraine, Uvalde TX, Zambia, Los Niños Primero, CAC, Family Promise

Attendance: 6/12 Outdoor Worship 83
Online 25

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

Financial Update

June 8-14	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 6,260	\$ 246,840	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 470	\$ 20,177	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 58	\$ 5,336	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 6,788	\$272,353	\$ 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