



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 3, 2022 + 10:30 AM

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
arr. Lani Smith

Donna Maini

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

ALL: **May God continue to mold the church in this and every land.**

ONE: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

ALL: **May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

ONE: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

ALL: **May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts. Come, let us worship God!**

† **MORNING SONG**

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”
AMERICA

Baptist
minister,
Samuel Francis
Smith, wrote
this hymn
while he was a
student at
Andover
Theological
Seminary in
Massachusetts.
The song made
its debut on
July 4, 1831.

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song. Let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might,
great God, our King.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Abernethy

Great God, we often claim to be the greatest, and that we have been the city upon a hill for the world to emulate. In many ways, you truly have blessed this nation and we are thankful. But our story, like every story, is a story not solely of good and evil, but a story where at times we have followed you in righteousness and times when we have sinned and turned our backs on you. We humbly come before you to be redeemed for the latter this day. We have not followed your commandments. We have stolen lands and lives when you told us to not steal. We have killed and allowed others to kill in a corrupted vision of freedom. We have put other gods before you- idols we believe will provide the wholeness we already find through you. Forgive us, and inspire us to live communally with you. For the mark of Christian freedom is being able to live as a body of Christ. Move us, mold us, and fill us so that we may truly become the body your life, death, and resurrection lifts up.... *(silent confession)*... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Ed Taylor

† 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 20:1-21

HOMILY

Will We Listen?

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Barmen Declaration: 8.13-8.15*)

“Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” (1 Cor. 1:30)

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

The Barmen Declaration was written in 1934 as a response to the Nazi Party co-opting the German church. A treatise against Christian nationalism, this document rejects Hitler and his ideology as “God’s will.”

† SONG IN RESPONSE “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” MELITA

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where soe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER INVITATION TO THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Abernethy

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

(If you did not receive a communion kit when you came in, please ask an usher for a kit.
All are welcome to participate in communion.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” BATTLE HYMN

Written by abolitionist Julia Ward Howe in 1861, the hymn was originally known as “John Brown’s Body” but she was inspired to give the tune new lyrics. Within the verses are allusions to Isaiah 63 and Revelation 14.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.
God’s truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
God’s truth is marching on.

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
and is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on. (*refrain*)

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,
while God is marching on. (*refrain*)

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

POSTLUDE

"America the Beautiful"
by Eleanor Whitsett

Donna Maini

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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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



WWW.MVPCHURCH.ORG

Hymn idea? Let us know what you want to sing!

1. _____
2. _____

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:



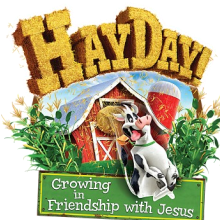
July 10 "The Meaning of That Old Rugged Cross", Philippians 2:1-11,
Rev. Barrett Abernethy

July 17 Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt



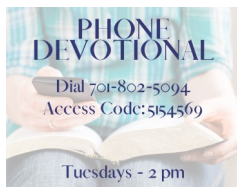
Stephen Ministry: One of the primary goals of Stephen Ministry at our church is to restore hope and re-empower those having difficult times. If you are experiencing issues you can no longer handle alone, we are here to listen, encourage, and stand by you. Contact a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to begin a healing relationship.

Family Promise July 3-17: Our Families will be staying with us starting today!. We still have volunteer opportunities available! SignUp Genius is on our website!



Saturday VBS! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to our one day HayDay VBS on Saturday, August 13 from 9:30am - 3:00pm. Kids will be up to their elbows in farmin' fun as they explore one simple Bible truth: Jesus will always love us! We can't wait to see you there! Register at: www.myvbs.org/mvpc2022/

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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 November. 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".



July Communion Offering: We will be collecting school supplies for Sandy Springs Education Force and Stirred-Up Ministries. Stirred-Up Ministries offers year-round support to East Lake area of Atlanta youth and their families. Sandy Springs Education Force (in partnership with the Community Assistance Center) offers a Teacher Supply Closet for teachers in the Sandy Springs schools to order supplies for economically disadvantaged students throughout the school year.

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.

Atlanta Concert Band: Upcoming performances are July 4, Marietta Square; August 13, Roswell Cultural Arts Center. More info: John Hibbard

Zambia Mission Trip: MVPC supports many programs including FaithWorks Schools, two crisis nurseries, the Family Preservation and Empowerment Program, and scholarships for high school and college. Donation deadline is **July 10**.

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.

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, Nicole Brown, Neil Ferrill, Charlie Gray, Rev. Susan Haynes, Jeannie Lee, Alistair Morine, Irene Nelson, Beverly Northrop, Rob Southard, Dave Whitacre, people of Ukraine, Zambia, Los Niños Primero, CAC, Family Promise

Attendance: 6/26 Worship 384
 Online 15

Financial Update

June 22-29	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$11,716	\$ 266,416	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 510	\$ 20,912	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 352	\$ 5,838	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 12,578	\$293,166	\$ 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