



**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 10, 2022 • 10:30 AM**

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

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING MUSIC**      "Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel"      Ryan Sawyer  
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**      Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**MINUTE FOR MISSION - VBS**      Meg Christian

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*inspired by Philippians 2:1-11*)

ONE: Christ, we give thanks that you are a teacher.

**ALL: Teach us to not focus on ourselves.**

ONE: Teach us to serve the interests of others.

**ALL: Teach us to empty ourselves.**

ONE: Teach us to remain humble.

**ALL: Teach us to live inspired by the wisdom of the cross. Let us worship God!**

† **MORNING SONG**      **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**  
CORONATION

Today we will explore the meaning of the cross through song. This hymn expresses Christ as King, overcoming the world's transgressions to win victory over all that hinders humanity. We call this the *Christus Victor* theory of atonement.

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!  
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Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!  
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O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!  
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## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Abernethy

God of hope, today we come before your cross, a place where we focus on sin and death. On Good Friday, the refrain is "Sunday is coming!" because we have been taught that this place of sinning and shame is one to acknowledge but quickly leave. Today, however, you invite us through song to dwell at the cross and to learn from it. To sit with it. To let it speak its truth. For yes, your son died on this cross, but the cross is defined by more than death. Today, let us hail the power of Jesus' name and celebrate the victory we can find at the cross. Today, fill us with your love, and let us witness the wisdom that we can find at the cross. Today, let us know that the cross is a source of life and hope and that we must lift this truth high. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## † RESPONSE

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

CHEREPONI

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

Kneels at the feet of His friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

## SENIOR CELEBRATION

Sophie Galen, Riverwood High School

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

## † 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

Philippians 2:1-11

### HOMILY

*The Meaning of That Old Rugged Cross*

Though we only get one verse, we see how Christ the prophet lives out a life that we are called to follow. Through this song, we witness the moral exemplar theory of atonement.

## RESPONSE

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession of 1967*)

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

### 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

"Safe Within Your Arms"

Charles Hart, Tenor

Mark Hayes

Whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong, whether I'm weak or whether I'm strong,  
Whether I'm sure or maybe confused, feeling loved or feeling used:  
I know a place where I can go, somewhere where winter winds don't blow.  
There I am warmed by loving arms, held with care next to Your heart.  
And I'm safe within your arms, Lord.  
I've become a child again.  
I've come back to the source of love, where healing can begin.  
Though the world would say I must be strong and prove my worth by what I do,  
I will rest assured in Your embrace and find my strength in You.  
Whether I'm walking in the light or whether I'm stumbling through the night,  
You are a god whose promise endures; Though undeserved, Your love is sure.  
When I am tempted to pursue plans that may lead me far away from You, gently You call,  
"My child, come home. I will never let go of one of my own."

### † 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

Sujay Galen

## SENDING

### † SONG FOR DISMISSAL

### "The Old Rugged Cross" OLD RUGGED CROSS

Our final hymn illustrates how Christ died to bear our sin and shame, to redeem us for what we cannot do on our own. This is called *subsistution* or *satisfaction* theory of atonement and is probably the most well known way that people see the cross.

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinner was slain.

#### Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some-day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. (*refrain*)

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, such a wonderful beauty I see;  
For twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. (*refrain*)

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true; its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then He'll call me some-day to my home far away, where His glory forever I'll share. (*refrain*)

### † BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

### POSTLUDE

"Piano Concerto No. 9, Mvt. 1" K. 271  
W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Ryan Sawyer

#### Leading Today's Worship Service

**Rev. Barrett Abernethy**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt**, Associate Pastor

**Matthias Young**, Director of Worship

**Ryan Sawyer**, Guest 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



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

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

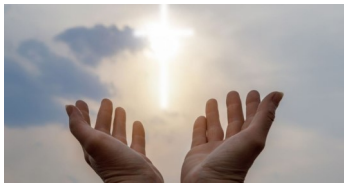
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**Welcome!** We are glad to worship with you today! If you would like more information on the church protocols, you can find a link on our website.

**Visitors & Membership:** Please go to our website: [mvpchurch.org](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:



July 17 Luke 11:1-13, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

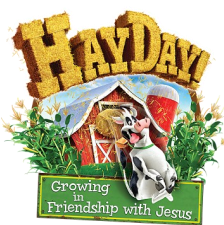
July 24 John 1:1-14, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

**Vital Congregations Initiative:** Explore the Neighborhood - Join us after church on **July 24** in the Session room for a brief training on how to explore our church campus.

**Senior Adults:** We're going to the Governor's Mansion on Thursday, **July 28**. If interested, sign up in the Narthex the next three Sundays.



**Family Promise July 3-17:** Our Families are here! We still have volunteer opportunities available! SignUp Genius is on our website!



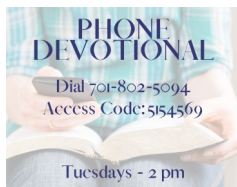
**Saturday VBS!** Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to our one day HayDay VBS on Saturday, **August 13** from 9:30am - 3:00pm. Kids will be up to their elbows in farmin' fun as they explore one simple Bible truth: Jesus will always love us! We can't wait to see you there! Register at: [www.myvbs.org/mvpc2022/](http://www.myvbs.org/mvpc2022/)

**Child Protection Training:** All children and youth volunteers should plan to attend one of our child protection trainings. **July 31 @ 11:30**, August 9 @ 4:00

**Stephen Ministry:** If you are overthinking, continually rethinking, and obsessing over mistakes, losses, grief, and life's difficulties, please contact Stephen Ministry so we may walk beside you. Call a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to get involved.



**July 10, 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 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:** 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 **TODAY**.

**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](mailto:pbartee@yahoo.com) or call the church office at 404.255.2211.

**Prayer Concerns:** Mrs. JB, James Ballew, Nicole Brown, Neill 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:** 7/3    Worship    94  
                         Online        8

## Financial Update

June 1-30	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$32,316	\$ 266,366	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 1,205	\$ 20,911	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 645	\$ 5,838	\$ 10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,166</b>	<b>\$ 293,115</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)