



**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 7, 2022 • 10:30 AM**

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

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**"Morning Has Broken"**  
arr. Douglas Wagner

Donna Maini

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Last week it was *Amazing Grace*

**ALL: Before that we found our soul well by clinging to *The Old Rugged Cross*.**

ONE: Throughout this summer we have opened our eyes and hearts to celebrate a joyful noise.

**ALL: Let us today continue in this spirit by lifting our voices to sing**

ONE: For what we proclaim with our voice should inspire our feet.

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

† **MORNING SONG #341**

**"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"**  
**ASSURANCE**

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*refrain*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (*refrain*)

Fanny Crosby  
wrote over  
8,000 hymns in  
her lifetime.  
Blinded from  
birth, Crosby's  
resilience and  
faith is found  
in these lyrics.  
Take notice of  
the words  
pertaining to  
sight.

Rev. Dr. Carol Strickland served this church from 1987-2008. A prolific writer, Strickland's prayer book *Heart Songs* is still used by many in the congregation. She retired from active ministry earlier this year.

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*inspired by Rev. Carol Strickland's prayer "Summer Growth"*)

Rev. Abernethy

Ever gracious God, in this summer season of warmth and growth, we pray that we become ever warmer with love for you, for others, and for your world. We pray that our spirits not lie dormant, and that you move us to grow away from self-centeredness. Grant us moral courage to do the right thing. Grant us the same vision that Christ had - a vision of blessed assurance- oh what a foretaste of glory divine! Let us be emboldened to share what we find at your communion table, filled with Christ's goodness and lost in his love so that your will may rule in every heart and transform every mind... (*silent confession*) ... Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† **RESPONSE**

**"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"**

**ASSURANCE**

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Abernethy

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

(*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 1:12-30

**HOMILY**

*Mine is Jesus, Assurance Blessed!*

**RESPONSE**

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. Abernethy

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.

**OFFERTORY**

**"My Heart Ever Faithful" BWV 68**  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Rebecca Shipley, Soprano

My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful,  
Thy Jesus is near; away with complaining,  
Faith ever maintaining, my Jesus is here;  
My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is here!

**† 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**

David Hill

**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**

*(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.)*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

## SENDING

### † SONG FOR DISMISSAL

### "Blessed Be Your Name"

Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your glorious name

Inspired by Psalm 135 that the blessed name of God "endures forever," British artist Matt Redman invites us to witness God's love along the journey of life. Whether in abundance or wilderness, God's blessings are present.

### † BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

### CHORAL RESPONSE

### "Alleluia!" CELTIC ALLELUIA

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

### POSTLUDE

### "Rondeau" from *Premiere Suite*

Donna Maini

by Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

### 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.*

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Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
mvpchurch.org



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P.O. Box 76051  
Sandy Springs, GA 30358

# 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? Sermon idea?

Let us know what you want to hear!

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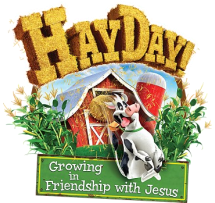
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**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](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:



August 14 VBS – Back to School

August 21 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, “Above All, Love”, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**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! We have 40 signed up! If you would like to help, please let Meg Christian or Isaac know. Register at: [www.myvbs.org/mvpc2022/](http://www.myvbs.org/mvpc2022/)

**Child Protection Training:** All children and youth volunteers should plan to attend our child protection training. If you couldn’t attend last Sunday, our next training will be Tuesday, **August 9 @ 4:00** in the Session Room.

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**Committees & Coffee:** All are invited next Sunday, **August 14** at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall.

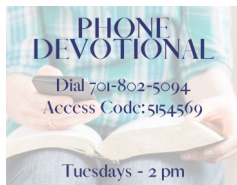
**Stephen Ministry:** Sometimes it is that last, small event that finally wakes us up to the state of our internal anguish and our souls. If, in that moment, you would like a temporary companion who will listen and hear you, encourage and bolster you, and guide you to dry land, please call on our Stephen Ministry. Contact a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader.

**Connection Snacks:** We have just three slots open. SignUp Genius is on our website or you sign up in the Narthex. Thank you to the ones who have signed up and brought snacks!



**Senior Adults:** Please join us for brunch at First Watch in Dunwoody Village on **Sunday, August 14** after worship in Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

**August 7, 2022**



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

Giving



**Church Directory:** It's that time again when the directory needs to be updated. If your address, email, or phone number has changed, please contact [debbie@mvpchurch.org](mailto:debbie@mvpchurch.org) or call the church office with your updates. **Deadline: August 31**

**Ministry Team Cards:** these cards include events August–October are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

**Conversation (Adult Sunday School):** Discovery meets in the Chapel and are using the book “The Present Word”. Crossroads is taking the summer off and will return in September.



**August Communion Offering** is for the International Women's House, a shelter for abused refugee and immigrant women and their children. Shopping list is on the blue bags in the Narthex. For more information about the shelter, please go to [www.internationalwomenshouse.com](http://www.internationalwomenshouse.com).

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

**The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom:** Fall issue will be available in the Narthex and Information Centers later this month.

**Atlanta Concert Band: Saturday, August 13 at 3:30pm,** Roswell Cultural Arts Center. More info: John Hibbard



**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:** Carolyn Ashby, Mrs. JB, James Ballew, Nicole Brown, Alma Dowdakin, Rachel Barclift Emery, Neill Ferrill, Patti Gambrell, Jeannie Lee, Alistair Morine, Irene Nelson, Beverly Northrop, Sibyl Plumly, Karla Schultz, Rob Southard, Dave Whitacre, people of Ukraine, Zambia

**Attendance:** 7/31    Worship    85  
                                 Online    17



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Zambia fund! We collected \$2,800 to help with Barbara Hughes' mission.

## Financial Update

July 28-31	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 3,706	\$ 312,888	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 131	\$ 22,507	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 19	\$ 5,988	\$ 10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,856</b>	<b>\$ 341,383</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)