



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 6, 2023 + 10:30 AM

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

The Hebrew word *Ruach* means "spirit, wind, breath." Moved by this meaning, we dedicate this new HVAC to the glory of God, and with the breath she provides to this sanctuary, may we in turn breathe forth God's name through our actions compelled by the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

"Reckless Love"
Cory Asbury

Emi Lutz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

OPENING PRAYER

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: This sanctuary is open to all who seek rest and renewal.

ALL: There are always days where the rains fall, the floods come, and the winds blow.

ONE: But this sanctuary stands as a firm foundation in the midst of transition.

ALL: For we are built upon the rock and not upon the sand.

ONE: When Jesus concluded his Sermon on the Mount, the crowds looked on in amazement.

ALL: For he spoke with authority, as one they could trust, and as one we trust. Let us worship God!

† **MORNING SONG #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**
SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. *(refrain)*

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *(refrain)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *(refrain)*

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Abernethy

God of Grace, we are imperfect hearers and imperfect doers. You call us to hear your Word and act upon it, but our hesitancy gives us away. Do we act immediately? Could we wait until next week? Maybe we misheard and that particular call does not apply to us? It is hard to know what to act on. Hold our imperfection gently, and challenge us to clearer discernment. Forgive us, and partner with us in service to your community ... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Abernethy

(All children 5th grade and younger are invited to come forward for storytelling and prayer.)

Afterwards the children are invited to Children’s Church in the Chapel.)

† 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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-29

As we conclude the Sermon on the Mount series, what is one thing you have taken from Jesus’ words? How can we apply this lesson in our ministry here at MVPC?

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall! Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

HOMILY

“Summer Lessons”

Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*excerpt from the Scots Confession*) Rev. Abernethy

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace God by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with the Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

The word "Kirk" is Gaelic for church. As we return to our church building, may we be inspired by this confession to live out the expansive vision of the Triune God found in these words.

OFFERTORY

"Marchin' On Up"
arr. Mark Hayes

Charles Hart

† 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 DEDICATION

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.

HYMN #513 "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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(The congregation is invited to come forward to receive communion.
If you prefer to remain seated, an elder will bring communion to you.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL#354 “Guide My Feet” GUIDE MY FEET

Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm Your child while I run this race, I'm Your child while I run this race,
I'm Your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race, search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Donna Maini

Leading Today's Worship Service
Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor
Donna Maini, Accompanist
Emi Lutz, Guitarist

*If you are interested in joining MVP Church,
go to the Visitor's Table to pick up a visitor bag and a little gift.*

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MVPC Announcements....

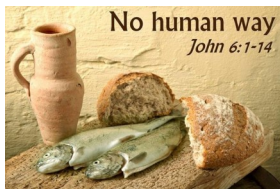


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Welcome! We are glad to worship with you today!

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** and pick up a visitor bag.

Upcoming Services/Events:



August 13 “Nathanael/Bartholomew”, John 1:43-51, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

August 20 “Philip”, John 6:1-14, Rev. Barrett Abernethy



Senior Adults are having a Camaraderie lunch **TODAY** at noon at La Madeleine. They will also be sorting books for SSEF next **Sunday, August 13** at 4:30pm in Gailey Hall.



VBS: Happy Summer! We loved having your children join us for VBS last summer and would like to invite you to attend again this year next **Saturday, August 12** from 9:30am - 3pm! Our theme this year is “*Pets Unleashed*”. Registration is open here <https://www.myvbs.org/mvpc2023>. If you have any questions, please contact meg.christian@comcast.net. If you plan to volunteer, please contact Isaac about **Child Protection Policy Training**. We have two options via Zoom: tonight at 5pm or Wednesday at 6pm.



Committees & Coffee: Join with one of our Ministry Teams following worship next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to get involved in the life of the church.

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it down the row as you greet your neighbor!

August 6, 2023

