



# MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 2024 • 10:30 AM

*Reaching out to ... Welcome. Worship. Share. Serve.*

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

Stop by our Connections table today to enjoy Apricot Bars and Orange Blossom Muffins courtesy of Anne Baynham and her daughter, Susan.

## GATHERING

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**"I'm Trading My Sorrows"**

Rev. Jonathan Freeman, Guitar

Darrell Evans

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**OPENING PRAYER**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We come this day, God of Wedding Banquets, as people in need of your hope.

**ALL: In you we find life, in you we find our joy.**

ONE: We gather this day, God of Miracles, as people looking for signs.

**ALL: In you we find life, in you we find our joy.**

ONE: We worship this day, God of Changing Waters, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord.

**ALL: In you we find life, in you we find our joy. Let us worship God!**

† **MORNING SONG** (*see insert*)

**"For the Fruit of All Creation"**

AR HYUDY NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

The Welsh melody written above means "throughout the night." The lyrics were composed in 1970 and focuses on stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts. Originally this song was called "Harvest Hymn."

**† PRAYER FOR CONFESSION**

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

**Gracious and Merciful God, we confess that we often struggle to experience joy. It is hard to find joy amidst our complicated lives, heavy hearts, and troubled minds. We too often seek joy in the promises of this world instead of seeking to experience true joy through you. But even when our lives run dry, we hold onto the hope that you will replenish us. We plead with you to transform our lives and provide what we can never provide for ourselves. Give us rest for our weary hearts, peace for our troubled minds, and joy at seeing you in our midst. We praise you for your wonderful power and grace, coming once to give us what we needed and coming again to make all things complete ... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.**

**† ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God.**

**† RESPONSE**

**"The Fruit of the Spirit"**

ASH GROVE

Caroline Winfrey Gillette

The fruit of the Spirit is love for our sharing,  
It's joy in the gospel that we have from you.  
It's peace that we live out with courage and daring;  
It's patience, for we know that we have sinned, too.  
It's kindness in all things and generous giving;  
It's faithfulness seeking to follow your way.  
It's gentleness, Lord, and it's self-controlled living;  
Now make us more fruitful in these things, we pray.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

*(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**

Rev. Abernethy

**SCRIPTURES**

Galatians 5:22-23

John 2:1-11

**HOMILY**

*"Summer Fruit: Joy"*

## RESPONSE

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Confession of 1967 Inclusive Language Text, 9.17)*

God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Shari Freeman

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

**“Joy in the Morning/Jubilate Deo ”**

Anthony Menardi

Natalie Sluth  
Jacques Berthier

“Jubilate Deo’ means to ‘sing joyfully to God’”

### † DOXOLOGY

**“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
Whose grace has pardon me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Marion Satterfield

**SENDING**

† **SONG FOR DISMISSAL #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

† **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Abernethy

**POSTLUDE**

**"I Have the Joy"**

George W. Cooke

Have you noticed this subheading and others like it throughout the bulletin? Worship is broken into four parts: [Gathering](#) (to hear God's word). [The Word](#) (which is the heart of Presbyterian worship). [Response](#) (how we respond to God's word). [Sending](#) (which inspires us to take God's word out into the world).

Leading Today's Worship Service

**Rev. Barrett Abernethy**, Senior Pastor

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

**Shari Freeman**, Director of Spiritual Care

**Jill Hudson**, Music Director

**Rev. Jonathan Freeman**, Guitar

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

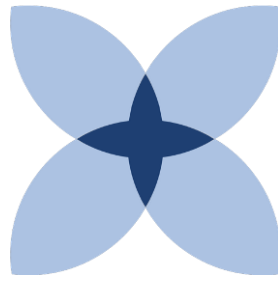
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# MVPC Announcements....

Sunday School  
9:30 - 10:15am



Connection  
10-10:25am

Worship  
10:30-11:30am

**Welcome! We are glad to worship with you today!**

**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. Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew as you greet your neighbor.

## Upcoming Services/Events:



**June 16** "Summer Fruit: Peace", 1 Samuel 3:1-10, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

**June 23** "Summer Fruit: Patience", Psalm 46, Rev. Barrett Abernethy



**Jersey Boys** the musical is coming to the City Springs Theater on July 16. This is a special performance with 20% of ticket sales going to CAC. For more information visit the Senior Adult table in the Narthex, or use the link in the weekly Happenings to purchase tickets.



**VBS 2024!** Saturday, August 10 from 9:30-2:30. All children in preschool through rising 5th grade are invited to join! Registration link: [www.myvbs.org/mvpc2024/](http://www.myvbs.org/mvpc2024/)



**The June Communion Offering** is for the International Women's House, a shelter for victims of human trafficking and abused refugee and immigrant women and their children. For more information about the shelter, please go to [www.internationalwomenshouse.com](http://www.internationalwomenshouse.com).



**Healthy Aging Event:** Sunday, August 25, 1:30-4pm. For more information, please check the Senior Adult Table in the Narthex. To register for the event, go to the following link: <https://mtvernonhealthyaging.eventbrite.com/>



We're going to the last Braves game of the season on Sunday, September 29! Tickets are \$60 each which includes carpool/parking and ticket. Make a check out to MVPC (include in the Memo line "Braves") and leave in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

**June 9, 2024**



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

Giving



**Family Promise** will be here before you know it! This summer they will be here from Sunday, July 7 - July 21. There are many places you can help! Go to our website or the link in the Happenings email for the SignUp Genius.



**Presbyterian Women:** Have a great summer! We will see you in August. All women are invited to come to our PW events!



**Adult Sunday School:** Discovery meets in the Chapel and is using the curriculum "The Present Word". Crossroads meets in the Session Room and is watching a DVD series titled "Great Figures of the New Testament" by Amy-Jill Levine. Both classes meet at 9:30am. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.



**Stephen Ministry:** Stephen Ministry is open to church members and the community. Many just need someone to walk through a difficulty with them, many need clarification in a confusing situation, many have let a loss overwhelm them, many have a chronic or new disease that is hard to handle alone, or it may be that one has many problems, but the latest one just toppled the whole mess. We can help, by listening without judgment, by asking questions that help you clarify your goals, by being dependable and confidential, and by offering comfort and resources. Contact Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, or a pastor to get involved.



**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:** Bob Addison, Bill Barron, Jeannie Chettleburgh, Lorry Clark, Hazel Cofield, Will Deal, Bill Duncan, Bruce Hagenau, Megan Kendall, Erven Kimble, Chuck McCrory, Karen Morine, Andy Nelson, Maria Nyunt, Maeve Ross, Will Rownd, Katherine Slayback(Anna Morine's caregiver), Greg Slingerland, Larry Stewart, and the people of Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Zambia

**Attendance:** 6/2    Worship 74,    Online 15

**Dates for your calendar:**

<b>June 30</b>	<b>Los Niños Primero Sunday and Luncheon, 10:30am</b>
<b>July 7-21</b>	<b>Family Promise, Signups are on our website</b>

**Financial Update**

<b>As of June 6</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>
Pledge Member Giving	\$269,603	\$509,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 21,451	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 19,686	\$ 9,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$310,740</b>	<b>\$578,000</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