



**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

PENTECOST - OUTDOOR

MAY 24, 2026 • 10:30 AM

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

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



## GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### **“One Thing Remains”**

*by: Jesus Culture*

Your love never fails.

It never gives up.

It never runs out on me.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

### OPENING PRAYER

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The Day of Pentecost is here! God’s children have gathered in this place:

**ALL: We are transformed into God’s family by God’s Spirit joining with ours.**

ONE: Come, Spirit of adoption and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit!**

ONE: Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts:

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit!**

ONE: Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives:

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit!**

#### † OPENING HYMN (#288)(3x)

#### **“Spirit of the Living God”**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

#### † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Shari Freeman

**Holy Spirit, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people’s worries, against the winds of change. Forgive us when we resist your call and avoid your delightful disorder. Help us to lower our barriers to you; guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness. Shake up the church yet again, that we might be filled with faith and joy, and share it with all we meet ... (*silent confession*) ... Amen.**

#### † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

#### † RESPONSE (#399)

#### **“God Welcomes All”**

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God’s love is strong and it never ends.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Colussy-Estes

*(All children of God are invited to come forward for storytelling and prayer.)*

**† 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**

Donna Neumann

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 104:21-34

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Colussy-Estes

**SERMON**

"It's a Party!"

**RESPONSE**

**† HYMN (#286)**

**"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

**Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286**

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**OFFERTORY**

**“Move Along Train”**

Rev. Jonathan Freeman, Mike & Kathy Havey, Nichol Jacobs

*by: Roebuck (Pops) Staples & the Staples Singers*

*(If you would like to contribute financially to Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church or its mission, ushers will be stationed at the doors of the narthex to accept your gifts.)*

† **DOXOLOGY (#80)(back cover)**      **“You Shall Go Out With Joy”**

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Donna Neumann

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Rev. Colussy-Estes

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Shari Freeman

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**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**“Nuages”**

Mike Havey, guitar  
*by: Django Reinhardt*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

† **CLOSING HYMN (#300)**

**“We are One in the Spirit”**

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *(refrain)*

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *(refrain)*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *(refrain)*

† **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Colussy-Estes

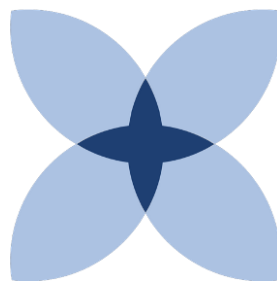
**POSTLUDE**

**“Solid Rock”**

*arr. James Koerts*

# MVPC Announcements....

Sunday School



Connection  
10-10:25am

Worship

## Upcoming Services/Events:

**May 31** Trinity Sunday, Psalm 8, Genesis 1:1-2, 4a,

**June 7** Psalm 33:1-12, Genesis 12:1-9, Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes



**Alliance for Children Everywhere (ACE) Lunch**, Sunday June 7 immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. CEO Gabriel Walder and Jake Hughes will share updates on the activities of ACE's Zambia mission. Hosted by the Outreach Ministry Team



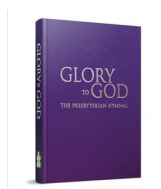
**Congregational Meeting:** there will be a brief Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, May 31 to hear a report from the nominating committee



**Summer construction** has begun on the Frontier, which is now closed. The Mount Vernon entrance will be closed beginning Monday, May 26 as construction continues.



**Lunch Bunch:** Join us for lunch TODAY Sunday, May 24 after worship at City BBQ at 6649 Roswell Road (in the Publix shopping center on the corner of Abernethy Road).



**Adopt a Hymnal** There's still time to Adopt a Hymnal! Dedicating a hymnal to someone is a good way to honor people close to us or to remember people that are no longer here or to give special thanks to someone. Forms are available and can be returned to the red box. The suggested donation per hymnal is \$25



Our **May Communion Offering** is for the summer camp program of Stirred-Up Ministries, an enrichment program for at-risk youth in the East Lake area of Atlanta. In addition to the summer camp program, Stirred-Up Ministries offers year-round support to these youth and their families including after school tutoring and mentoring, family counseling and intervention, and a food pantry for emergency needs.



**Movie Matinee:** Join us for "Knives Out" on Saturday, May 30 at 1pm in the Session Room.



**Sermons and Cervezas**, a summer sermon discussion group, will meet every Wednesday evening during June (starting June 3) at 6 pm on the patio at El Azteca, 5925 Roswell Road. Please plan to join us for Mexican Food and Conversation!

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

Giving



**Presbyterian Women:** We are taking the summer off! Please join us for a welcome back salad lunch in August. **Circle of Grace:** We will take the summer off but please check back for our Fall schedule. Please email Lisa Cumming at [lisa.j.cumming@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.j.cumming@gmail.com) if you have questions.



**Little Blessings Room:** The Little Blessings Room (*located in the Session Room*) is available for parents to go with their 0-3 year olds during the worship service. The worship service is live-streamed into the room, and there are chairs for nursing & holding babies, and toys for toddlers.



**Adult Sunday School: Discovery** meets at **9:15am** in the Chapel and is using the curriculum "*The Present Word*". **Crossroads** meets at **9:30am** in the Session Room and is currently studying a video curriculum about the Qur'an. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.



**Stephen Ministry:** Feeling discouraged for a while, confused about priorities, needing to freely unburden and say things aloud? We have the haven and platform for you through our Stephen Ministry program! Please contact Pat Bartee or a pastor if you are ready to be involved. Please contact Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, or a pastor to get onboard.



**Do you feel a need for prayer?** Have our Prayer Vine pray for you! Email your requests to [barbara@babrooks.com](mailto:barbara@babrooks.com) or call her at 404.422.5175.

**Prayer Concerns:** Carol Beckman, Kristen Bennett, Dee Bradford-Smith, Betsy Cozine, Allison Eustis, Bruce Hagenau, George Hammett, David Hill, Megan Kendall, Nancy Kennedy, Kathryn Mackie, Patricia, Barbara Pirkle, our homebound & isolated members, ACE, CAC, Los Niños Primero, Clifton Sanctuary, Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Zambia.

**Attendance 5/17:** Sanctuary: 96

**Financial Update**

As of May 21	Actual YTD	2026 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 217,528	\$460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 30,095	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 3,038	\$ 7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 250,661</b>	<b>\$ 527,500</b>

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the weekly *Happenings* email or monthly *Good News* newsletter, please email them to [debbie@mvpchurch.org](mailto:debbie@mvpchurch.org)

# You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

## The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

\*Clap hands.

### Leading Today's Worship Service

**Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes**, Interim Senior Pastor

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

**Rev. Shari Freeman**, Associate Pastor

**Jill Hudson**, Music Director & Organist

**Rev. Jonathan Freeman**, Contemporary Musician

Kathy Havey, Mike Havey, Nichol Jacobs

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