

Celebration of Worship

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Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church CCLI # 1092190

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\* OPENING HYMN PH324

Open My Eyes That I May See  
Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, My God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, My God, Thy will to see;  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, My God, Thy will to see;  
Open my heart illumine me, Spirit divine!

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 139

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
All: Where can I go from your spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
One: Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,  
All: Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
One: lead me in the way everlasting.  
All: That I might see the wonder of your works.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Great Is The Lord  
Great is the Lord, He is holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true  
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!

Great are you, Lord, you are holy and just  
By your power we trust in your love  
Great are you Lord, you are faithful and true;  
By your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great are you Lord and worthy of praise  
Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice,  
I lift up my voice: Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord!

Be Thou My Vision  
Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

MISSION MOMENT: FAMILY PROMISE

Ron and Rita Vander Stoep

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying  
Chancel Choir

\* DOXOLOGY  
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

CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten through 2nd grade go to **Sprouts** Room  
3rd through 5th grade go to **Saplings** Room  
Youth (6th-12th grade) are welcome to remain in worship or join the Saplings

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41

MESSAGE

“THIS I KNOW”  
Pastor Dan Holland

\* CLOSING SONG

In Christ Alone  
In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION

Leading Our Worship Today	
Pastor	Rev. Dan Holland
Director of Music Ministry	Joshua VerHalen
Liturgist	Matthew Riggins
Deacon of the Day	Ward Ernst

# WELCOME TO MVPC!

## WELCOME TO MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are so glad to have you worshipping with us. We are a warm, inquisitive, servant-oriented community of faith and we hope you sense God's Spirit among us. Please fill out the Friendship Register when it is passed to you. If you are a new visitor, please include your contact information so that we may send you news of our upcoming events. You are invited to stop by the Espressbyterian for a delicious treat! If you have any questions about MVPC, please speak to any of the Elders wearing blue nametags. *Again, welcome!*

### TODAY @ MVPC ...

**9 to Noon** Nursery Care  
**9:00 ADULT CLASSES**  
**Creative Kids**—Grade-school age kids express their faith through art, music or drama in the Great Room  
**The Bible Class**—Join teacher Bob Rauch for a discussion-based study the "Truly, Truly" sayings of Jesus in the Conference Room. No prior Bible experience is required.  
**10:30 Worship Service**  
Nursery Care and Sunday School  
**11:45 Fellowship Time:** Please stay to enjoy treats and conversation!

### THIS WEEK @ MVPC ...

**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Pastor's Office  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Fireside Room  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Library  
12:00 p.m. Senior Shepherds Luncheon  
4:15 p.m. Personnel Meeting in the Pastor's Office  
5:30 p.m. Session Dinner and Meeting in the Great Room  
**Wednesday**  
5:30 p.m. Family Night in the Great Room  
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice  
**Thursday**  
**Friday**  
**Saturday**  
9:00 Men's Breakfast and Women's Fellowship  
**2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Paul Vander Pol**



*Interested in attending a meeting? Want to see your Small Group or church-related meeting on the calendar? Contact the office to get more information. 360-424-7675 or email: mvpc@MountVernonPres.org*



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Easter Breakfast Planning Meeting

**TODAY after worship in the Library**

Anyone interested in helping to plan Easter Breakfast, please join us 10 minutes after worship.

*The family of John Kuipers, Jr. would like to express their "Thanks" to the MVPC family for all their prayers, cards and support during John's illness and his passing.*

## Senior Shepherds Luncheon

*Tuesday, March 21 at noon*

Join us for corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. Our speaker is Opera Singer Robert MacNeal, who will share stories from his fascinating life. Come hear for yourself! Just \$5.

## MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION CLASS CONTINUES NEXT WEEK

Who are we? What do we do? Why do we do it? There is no obligation to become a member upon completion of the class. Talk to Pastor Dan if you'd like to attend! Lunch is provided!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST: SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM.

Our speaker this month will be David Reamer, who will talk about the "Mastery of Laughter, and anything that comes to mind". You'll leave with the ability to view your adventure of life from a whole new perspective. Come join the fun...

## Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt

During the month of March we are collecting **small wrapped candy** to fill our Easter Eggs! If you would like to donate, please bring the candy to the church office anytime during the month of March. Thank You!!!

## GET INVOLVED WITH MVPC!

<b>Small Groups:</b>	Call the church to get connected!
<b>Bible Study:</b>	Studying the book of Exodus Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
<b>Prayer Group:</b>	10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Library
<b>Family Night:</b>	Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
<b>Youth Group:</b>	3rd Sunday of the month from Noon to 1:30 p.m.
<b>Creative Kids:</b>	Kids Music, Art and Drama, Sundays, 9-10 a.m.
<b>Kids Sunday School:</b>	Preschool, K-2nd, 3rd-6th, during 10:30 a.m. worship
<b>Nursery:</b>	Available Sundays, 9-noon and during special activities
<b>Chancel Choir:</b>	Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Glorify!:</b>	Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
<b>Senior Shepherds:</b>	3rd Tuesday @ noon.
<b>Knitting Group:</b>	4th Wednesday of the month at noon
<b>Tea @ 2:</b>	Last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.
<b>Women's Fellowship:</b>	Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
<b>Men's Breakfast:</b>	Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.



# Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

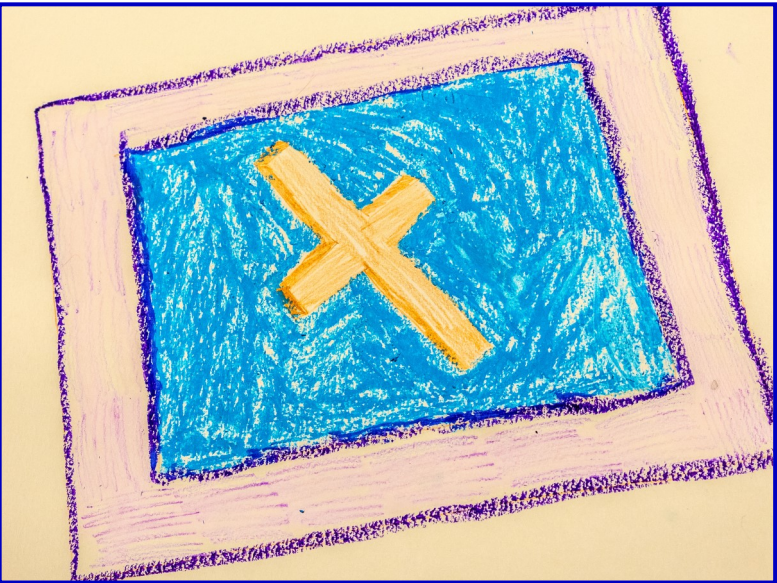
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**10:30 Worship**

**March 19, 2017**



*The artwork for the bulletin covers during the season of Lent come from the Ash Wednesday service, which was built around a rhythm of listening for God and responding with creative expression.*

## Our Vision Statement

**E**ncounter The Hope  
of the living God through Jesus Christ  
**E**ngage One Another  
in authentic friendship  
**E**mbrace The World  
with the heart and hands of Jesus