

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



OCTOBER 4, 2020

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any

time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

PRE-SERVICE

You Are

Castro, Ingram

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Prayer

Mascagni/Johnson
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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. ***Amen.***

HYMN

Here I Am to Worship

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 75$

E B^{sus} F#m E B^{sus}

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me -
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 A^{2(no3)} E B^{sus} F#m

- see. - Beau - ty that made this - heart a - dore - You,
- bove. - Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

7 E B^{sus} A^{2(no3)} B^{7sus}

hope of a life spent with - You. - So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came - poor. -

CHORUS

10 E B/D# E/G#

wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. -

13 A E B/D#

- - - And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

16 Last time to Coda \oplus 1. A A²(no3) 2. A

E/G#

won - der - ful to me. — — — — — And I'll nev -

BRIDGE

20 B/D# E/G# A B/D# E/G#

- er know — how much — it cost — to see — my sin — up - on —

23 1. A 2. A B⁷sus D.S. al Coda

— that cross. — And I'll nev - — that cross. — So, here I am to

26 \oplus Coda A A²(no3) E

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GLORIA

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
- ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

All My Hope

Crowder, Cash

READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away
from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the
kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to
pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his
parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds,
because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

***Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft
and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in
your kingdom. Amen.***

SERMON

Lease a vineyard

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,***

*suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

The Prayers conclude:

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

If God Be For Us

Clifford McCormick

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord



C Dm C/E F G

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day. Go and

5 C Dm C/E F G^{sus} G C Dm

tell gos - pel news ev - 'ry - where. _____ Go in peace and serve the

10 C/E F G

Lord. God is call - ing you to - day to

13 F C/E Dm G Dm/C C

bring _____ truth and love to ev - 'ry na - tion.

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,

nourish us with this rich food and drink,

and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering

world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and

Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread and we drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, teaching us, leading us, and guiding us. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours,
 Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
 Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet table

where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time to receive communion. We will have Drive-In Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 10:30-1:00.

MUSIC

Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

There is no place where God does not live.

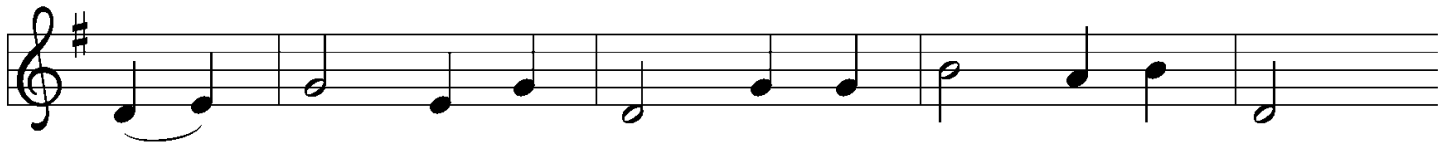
There is no moment when God has, is, and will not be present.

There is no time that God does not love you.

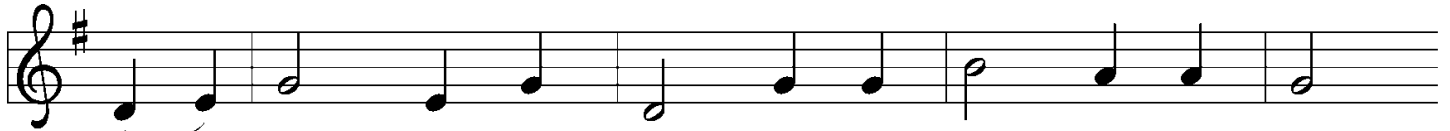
May you go now into the world knowing God † is right by your side. *Amen.*

HYMN

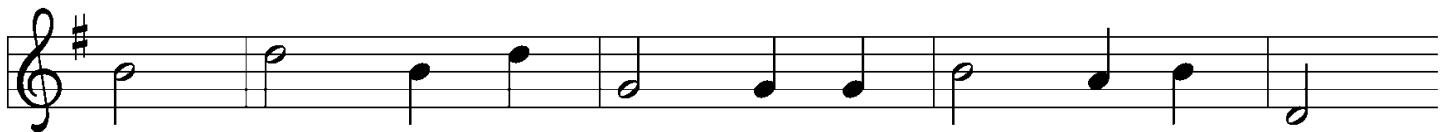
How Firm A Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Concerto for Two Trumpets Mvt. 1

Vivaldi

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tanner's 14th birthday on October 9th. We love you! Mom, Daddy and Karly.

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These past months of the pandemic has kept us from having our candlelight dinners, even though we have been able to give you the concerts. The purpose in having the dinners, other than fellowship, was to give proceeds to our Fund for the Arts. Those funds have brought a dulcimer concert and musicians for worship services.

Please consider contributing to the Fund for the Arts until we can get back to our candlelight dinners. We want to be able to continue having concerts whether they are streamed or live with a dinner. Many thanks for your continued support of our music program. We are fortunate for members of our choir and especially our student brass and guitar players for their dedication!

Blessings,
Ruthie



For the prayers, phone calls and visits during my knee surgery and period of recovery. Prayers have been answered and I will be going back to work on Monday, October 5th.

Rodney Oswald

**Communion Distribution
and Blessings**

*on Sunday
October 18th*



Enter paved parking lot near the bus
and loop in front of the church office.



Sunday School


on Zoom
2nd & 4th Sundays
10:30 a.m.

To join the group, please email
pastorgina@WeAreMtHermon.com



**Live Streaming
and Recording of
worship**

If you would like to contribute to this ministry,
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**Evening
devotions**
6:35 pm

Join the FaceBook
community
for a time of
daily reflection.

Pastor Gina



**HAPPY
COLUMBUS
DAY**

Church offices closed

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Tithes, and Offering for 09/27/2020
Live Stream Worship – 119+
Sunday School via Zoom – 12

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,050.85
Building Improvement	Received	\$140.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$1,070.00
Live Streaming This Week		\$100.00
Live Streaming Total Rec'd		\$6,133.27

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Lynwood Crout by Debra & Dave Butts, Lauvenia & Bryan Butts, Shirley Riley, Mary & Earl, Buddy & Angie Hydrick, Danny & Jenny Scott, Dot Mathias, Tom Roof and Johnny & Marie Lewis, Mike & Sally Bouknight, Faye B. Ergle

In memory of Daddy's birthday on September 27 by Earl & Mary Frances

In memory of my brother, Chris Porth on his birthday, October 3, by Earl & Mary Frances

In memory of Lynwood Crout by Parker & Diane Boulware

In memory of Freddie Fulmer by Parker & Diane Boulware

Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Homebound and Care Facilities

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens* Rev. Everette Price, *home*
Alberta Berry, *home* June Roof, *Rapha*
Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens* Tom Roof, *home*
Nell Buff, *home* Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*
Lila Catt, *home* Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*
Margie Hook, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bryce Addy Becky Koon Gene Schofield
Suzie Wattenbarger Jeff Bucknam

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Gary & Linda Hodgins, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*
Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb Bucknam*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*
Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*
Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*
Andrew & Candice Coleman, *friends of Erica Conklin*
David Hydrick, *cousin of Buddy Hydrick*
Clara Shultz, *friend of Sheila Starkey*
Debbie Smith & family, *niece of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Sarah Hiltz, *granddaughter of Buddy & Angie Hydrick*
*Charlotte & Paul Nelson, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
*Family of Randy Thompson, *friend of congregation*



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 4th 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

3:00 pm SC Bishop Installation Live Streamed
(<https://scsynod.com/installation>)

Tuesday, October 6th

6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 7th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Andrea Bowers & Jo Leach)

Friday, October 9th

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, October 10th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Koon Family)