

MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE LORD'S DAY

May 16, 2021

10:30 a.m.

* **Please stand if you are able.**

PRELUDE

"The Church's One Foundation" - arr. James Pethel and Stan Pethel
"Crown Him Lord of All!" - arr. Lloyd Larson

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love. AMEN!

* **OPENING HYMN**

"How Firm a Foundation "

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God in heaven,
we confess that we try to measure our faithfulness
by comparing ourselves with others.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Forgive us O God where we fail to see your Spirit's work in others,
in those who have lived before us.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

* Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 124

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Ensemble
"He's Got the Whole World" - arr. Tammy Waldrop

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:18-30

* **DOXOLGY**

*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.*

SERMON

"The Impossible"

Pastor Jim Webb

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life. Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ.

ANTHEM

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" - arr. Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE

"Luke 18:35-43

* **HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Jim Webb

BENEDICTION / Response

Westminster Chamber Choir
"Wondrous Love" - arr. Paul Christiansen

CLOSING MUSIC



Participants in today's service are:

<i>Jill Johnson</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>
<i>Dr. Steve Groth</i>	<i>Choir Director</i>
<i>Susan Chapman</i>	<i>Choir Accompanist, Handbell Director</i>
<i>Donna Fullerton</i>	<i>Organist</i>



The flowers in our sanctuary today are from Susan Chapman in memory of loved ones.

Announcements:

The May *Mountain View's* Newsletter and TLC list are available at the exit doors.

May 17: **Last Day to give names of any Graduates to Christy Smith**

May 31: Memorial Day – **Offices will be closed.**

June 6: Traditional Summer Worship will move to **10:00 a.m.**

June 6: Common Table begins – **Dinner at 5pm, Contemporary worship following.**

Notice: If you have made a reservation and someone in your party is not going to be able to come, please call the office and take their name off the list so that we may be able to use that space for another person.



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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

TLC: call Donna or email tlcprayer@myMVPC.com

PASTORS

The Reverend James H. Webb

The Reverend Robert D. Dooling, Pastor Emeritus

Elder Larry Shores, Pastoral Assistant

May 16, 2021

Psalm 124

NRSV

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Luke 18:18-30

New Revised Standard Version

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹ He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money[Ⓜ] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²³ But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."

²⁸ Then Peter said, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you." ²⁹ And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

Luke 18:35-43

New Revised Standard Version

³⁵ As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth[Ⓜ] is passing by." ³⁸ Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." ⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain – sing twice