



Promotion Sunday—August 9, 2026
Sanctuary—8:30 and 9:45 am

Worship at MRPC is a tiny fragment in something much bigger: it is part of the worship which is offered to God by Christians every hour of the day and night, all around the world.

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth, from Four Chorale Miniatures* arr. Michael Burkhardt

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

*Call to Worship

Psalms 22:23, 27-28

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

All: and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

Leader: For kingship belongs to the Lord,

All: and he rules over the nations.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through ev'ry age; Our God is all in all.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

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* Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Praise (8:30)

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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Sacrament of Baptism (9:45 am)

Graeme Lucas Jackson and Bailey Elizabeth Jackson
Children of Carlyle and Kathryn Jackson
Baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by RE Stan Beasley

Affirmation of Faith

Children's Catechism, No. 1-5

Q. Who made you?

A. God.

Q. What else did God make?

A. God made all things.

Q. Why did God make you and all things?

A. For his own glory.

Q. How can you glorify God?

A. By loving him and doing what he commands.

Q. Why ought you to glorify God?

A. Because he made me and takes care of me.

Choral Meditation

Ancient of Days

Choir: Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall, there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains: that my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands,
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory! I will trust in His name,
For my God is the Ancient of days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul, He is here with me, I am not alone.
Oh His love is sure, and He knows my name, for my God is the Ancient of Days.

All: Though I may not see what the future brings, I will watch and wait, for the Savior King.
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

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LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

Q. How are you right with God?

A: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore; Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord - His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness - new every morn.
Our sins they are many - His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor; Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us; His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Rhythm of Redemption

Caleb Kreitz

*Song of Response

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful; he will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus—Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me;
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Caleb Kreitz, Spiritual Formation Director Liturgist: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Welcome to Worship, K4 and 1st Grade Children!

This morning is Promotion Sunday for MR Kids and in our worship services are K4 children who are sitting in worship for the first time and first graders who are staying for the whole service for the first time! What a joy to welcome these (sometimes wiggly) children as we pattern for them the joy of our day of worship!

Meet Dave and Molly Preston—Today in the Welcome Center

Stop by the Welcome Center today and August 16 during the Sunday School hour to greet Dave and Molly Preston. We are thrilled to have them at Mitchell Road! Dave has been hired as our Shepherding Pastor and will be officially installed on Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 pm. Plan to join us!

The Best Ways to Stay Connected

Fall is coming and so are a lot of ministry opportunities! The best way for you to stay informed at Mitchell Road is to sign up for our weekly email which comes out every Wednesday. Additionally, you can check out the "sign ups" tab on our Church Center app for a great snapshot of the life of the church. Sign up for the weekly email or download Church Center using the QR codes below!

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