



MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

Digital Bulletin
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Welcome To Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Announcements:

- The elders have called a member meeting at 1:30 pm this afternoon. A packet has been made available at the Welcome Center for your review. We ask that one packet be picked up for each member family. We look forward to everyone joining us as we meet and hear more about what the Lord is doing in our church!
- The February Missionary Prayer Guide is now available for you to pick up at the book stall. Please remember to pray daily for the spread of the gospel and the planting of local churches around the world.
- Today's sermon is from 2 Samuel 24. Our bulletin is available on our web site, mvbaptist.church/bulletin. On our web site, you can submit prayer requests and give. You may worship through giving by placing your offering in the plates between the double doors just after worship.
- Prior to today's sermon, as part of our corporate confession of sin and assurance of pardon, we will take the Lord's Supper. Elements are stacked in two small cups in the plates that will be passed by our elders and deacons. Remember that communion is for baptized believers in good standing with their local church. If you are not, refrain from taking communion today. We want to proclaim the gospel in everything we do. We want everyone here to be moved to the gospel. Our elders stand ready, eager, to talk with you about the gospel.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 33: 1-22 (ESV)

- ¹ Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
- ² Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- ⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- ¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.
- ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- ¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;
- ¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,
- ¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.



¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.
¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
¹⁹ that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.
²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
²¹ For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
²² Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Reading in Unison:

Genesis 1: 20-25 (ESV)

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."
²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."
²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.
²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.
²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God [Lyrics, 4/4]

Verse 1

A mighty for - tress is our God
bul - wark nev - er fail - ing
Our helper He a - mid the flood
Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing

For still our an - cient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cru - el hate
On earth is not his e - qual

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength con - fide
Our striv - ing would be los - ing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choos - ing

Dost ask who that may be
Christ Je - sus it is He
Lord Sab - a - oth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the bat - tle



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• 1. Love di - vinc, all loves ex - cell-ing, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov-ing Spir-it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!
 3. Come, Al-might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy grace re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot-less let us be;

Fix in us Thy hum-ble dwell-ing; All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest.
 Sud-den-ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 Let us see our great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly se - cured in Thee:

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas-sion, Pure, un-bound - ed love Thou art;
 Take a - way our love of sin-ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 Pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love and praise.



Scripture for Confession of Sin:
John 15: 1-8 (ESV)

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.
⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.
⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
⁶ If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Assurance of Pardon:
John 15: 9 (ESV)

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

THE **LORD'S SUPPER**

O Hear My Prayer

The Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb are
its temple.
-Revelation 21:22

4. O hear my prayer, LORD God of hosts;
O Jacob's God, give ear to me.
With favor, God, look on our shield,
The face of Your anointed see.

6. A sun and shield is God the LORD;
The LORD gives grace and glory too;
From blameless ones, no good withholds.
Blessed, LORD of hosts, those trusting You.

5. Much better one day in Your courts
Compared to thousands spent outside!
I'd rather as God's doorman stand
Than in the wicked's tents reside.

William Bradbury, 1849

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Responsive Reading of Illumination:

Hear three statements as our request for Illumination. You may respond to each by saying, "Amen."

1. Father of lights, shine the light of Christ into our minds and hearts through the preaching of Your Word. Drive away the darkness of sin by His gospel and conform us into His likeness so that we will shine His light into this dark world. **Amen.**
2. Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
3. Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

How Great Thou Art [Lyrics]

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus 1

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration

And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art



Sermon: Pastor Matt Watson

2 Samuel 24: 1-25

David's Senseless Census

¹ Again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, "Go, number Israel and Judah." ² So the king said to Joab, the commander of the army, who was with him, "Go through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people." ³ But Joab said to the king, "May the Lord your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king still see it, but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?" ⁴ But the king's word prevailed against Joab and the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel. ⁵ They crossed the Jordan and began from Aroer, and from the city that is in the middle of the valley, toward Gad and on to Jazer. ⁶ Then they came to Gilead, and to Kadesh in the land of the Hittites; and they came to Dan, and from Dan they went around to Sidon, ⁷ and came to the fortress of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and Canaanites; and they went out to the Negeb of Judah at Beersheba. ⁸ So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. ⁹ And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: in Israel there were 800,000 valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500,000.

¹⁰ But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O Lord, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly." ¹¹ And when David arose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹² "Go and say to David, 'Thus says the Lord, Three things I offer^[e] you. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.'" ¹³ So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall three^[f] years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider, and decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me." ¹⁴ Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man."

¹⁵ So the Lord sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. ¹⁶ And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. ¹⁷ Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But



these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father's house."

¹⁸ And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, raise an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." ¹⁹ So David went up at Gad's word, as the Lord commanded. ²⁰ And when Araunah looked down, he saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out and paid homage to the king with his face to the ground. ²¹ And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be averted from the people." ²² Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. ²³ All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the Lord your God accept you." ²⁴ But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵ And David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

Pastoral Prayer/Benediction

2 Corinthians 13: 14

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Elders:

Our elders are Danny Cole, Matt Watson, John Divito & Joshua Hammond-Kelley. You may reach out to our elders via email at church@mvbaptist.church

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If you are interested in membership or have further questions, please send us an email or reach us at www.mvbaptist.church/membership

