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Please feel free to sit or stand as we worship through song.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Unstoppable God

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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Faith Stories:

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The Sacrament of Baptism

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This I Believe

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Confirmation

Offering

Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

Scripture Reading - 1 John 2:28-3:10

Message: "Children of God" - Tommy Branagh

No Longer Slaves

Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go

Blessing

Need prayer this morning?
Come to one of the prayer corners at the front of the Sanctuary.



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 Get ready to meet God.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Visit mvpc.today.org to learn
 how you can belong

THE WORD

"Children of God" - 1 John 2:28-3:10
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OUR RESPONSE

COMMUNION

All who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior may participate
 Please come to one of the stations whenever you are ready
 Gluten-free bread is offered at the rear station

OFFERING

Please bring your gifts to the Lord to one of the
 Offering Boxes at the front or rear

PRAYER

A member of our Prayer Team will be in the back
 if you would like prayer

FELLOWSHIP

Dinner following *The 5* will resume April 15

Feedback, questions and thoughts: #mvpcthe5



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