Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **SENDING FORTH**

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14).

CANDLES

Go Now In Peace

Go into the world, the body of Christ redeemed by His blood, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, to praise the Father and love His people.

In Search of Wisdom

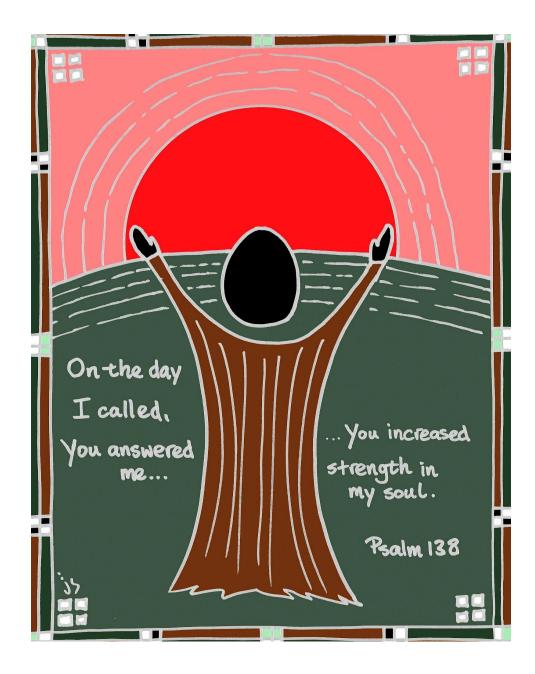
In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs.

Feb 16	Prov. 4	Feb 23	Prov. 5	Mar 02	Prov. 6
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Mar 23	Prov. 8	Mar 30	Prov. 10

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Mt Vernon UMC

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

ENTRANCE

GATHERING¹

Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.

GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, who calls us to leave everything and follow him, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

3056. Jesus, the Light of the World

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! Amen.

HYMN

64. Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

HYMN

593. Here I Am, Lord 2101. Two Fishermen

PSALM

853. Psalm 138

RESPONSE

70. GLORIA PATRI

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

"they left everything and followed him"

MESSAGE

PEACE & OFFERING

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THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks

for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

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