

*Let Us Forget*



Mt Vernon UMC

May 30, 2021

Memorial Day

# GREETINGS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

**We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.**

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

**We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.**

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity.

*silence*

### HYMN - God Bless America

**God bless America, land that I love**

**Stand beside her and guide her**

**Through the night with the light from above**

**From the mountains to the prairies**

**To the oceans white with foam**

**God bless America, my home sweet home**

### POEM - In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

🎵 HYMN - Eternal Father #2191

🎵 PSALM - Psalm 33 - #767

🎵 HYMN - Lift Every Voice and Sing

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

🎵 DOXOLOGY - #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:9,38-44; John 15:9-13.

SERMON

## CONFESSION & PARDON

**God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## HOLY COMMUNION

 **HYMN - Let There Be Peace On Earth #431**

## SENDING FORTH

Never forget those who gave all for your sake. Like Christ, their death offers you life. Use that life to bring about God's kingdom, a kingdom of justice, mercy, and peace.

May God the Father show you mercy,

May Jesus the Son give you peace,

May God's Holy Spirit empower you to work for justice.

## SOCIAL TIME & LUNCH