



On the day
I called,
You answered
me...

... You increased
strength in
my soul.

Psalm 138

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.**

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HYMN

64. Holy, 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

DOXOLOGY - #95

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.

**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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