



Mt Vernon UMC

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

GREETINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎶

Our God is an awesome God

He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power, and love

Our God is an awesome God! (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

Let us join hearts and voices in praise.

In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.

We practice our faith in many different ways.

Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.

We render different forms of ministry.

Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.

Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together at his one Table.

Praise the Lord!

HYMN 🎶

545. The Church's One Foundation

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-4

HYMN 🎶

361. Rock of Ages

NOISY OFFERING

PSALM Psalm 27:1, 4-9

https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/01/16/epiphany-3a-christian-unity/.

¹ Life in Liturgy,

CHILDREN'S SERMON INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE 🎶

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

RESPONSE 🎶

186. Alleluia

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

SERMON

HYMN 🎶

558. We Are the Church

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 🎶

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

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.

CHARGE & BLESSING²

Go, but do not go alone. Go into a world filled with God's presence.

Go with one another bound together in Spirit and in truth.

Go as one mighty company of disciples of Jesus Christ.

Go, separately but together, to be the sign that God is at work in the world.

Go in peace.

POSTLUDE 🎶

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, may the Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Go in peace.

² Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, July 2022. Adapted.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

20 - Carolyn Cain, 27 - Susan Jones

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

Week 4 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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30-31	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-42	43-45	46-47

Next Sunday:

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught Learn together of God's love and grace

Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!

To learn more, visit facebook.com/MtVChamp

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).