



## Mt Vernon UMC

July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

Part of the Family

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

One: Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream  
God-sized dreams.

Many: Praise God for hope-filled dreams.

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<sup>1</sup> Wenceslaus Hollar (1607-1677). *Jacob's Ladder*.

[https://hollar.library.utoronto.ca/islandora/object/hollar%3AHollar\\_k\\_0062](https://hollar.library.utoronto.ca/islandora/object/hollar%3AHollar_k_0062).

<sup>2</sup> Written by Kwasi I. Kena, *The Africana Worship Book, Year A* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 70.

One: Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today!

Many: Praise God for new dreams for our generation.

One: Invisible God, be visible through our faith today.

Many: Praise God who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.

One: Will we stop building a better future because of evil?

Many: No! Our God will deliver us from evil!

One: Will we concede our neighborhoods because evil walks the streets?

Many: No! God will judge all evildoers!

All: Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!

HYMN  2088. Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

HYMN 

Amazing Grace / Peaceful Easy Feeling

Psalm 854. Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

HYMN 

This Land Is Your Land

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TESTIMONY

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE 

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

**and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19a

SERMON

HYMN 

418. Climbing Jacob's Ladder

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

SENDING FORTH<sup>3</sup>

As we go from here, hear again the promises of God,  
made long ago to our ancestor Jacob, and still true for us  
today:

*I am the Lord your God,*

*the God of Abraham and Isaac.*

*Know that I am with you,*

*and will keep you wherever you go.*

*I will not leave you*

*until I have done everything that I have promised.*

Let's go from here in the assurance that our faithful God  
goes with us.

POSTLUDE 

**I'm gonna live so God can use me**

**anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)**

**I'm gonna work ...**

**I'm gonna pray ...**

**I'm gonna sing ...**

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<sup>3</sup> From the *re:Worship* web site. Unattributed.

**Upcoming Ministry Opportunities**

Noisy Offering (Mom’s Pantry)	Today!
Team Colors Sunday	Today!
Bellflower UMC Bible School	6pm. 7/24-7/27
Helping Hands Donation (    \$ )	8/6
Homecoming	8/13
Backpack Blessing	8/13
Helping Hands (all slots filled!  )	8/19

**Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Carter Oye, Owen Bailen,  
Blake & Miranda Drollinger, Erich & Allison Slocum

**Week 30 Reading Plan**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Isaiah 35-36	Isaiah 37-39 Psalm 76	Isaiah 40-43	Isaiah 44-48	2 Kings 18:9-37 2 Kings 19 Psalms 46,80, 135	Isaiah 49-53	Isaiah 54-58

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.

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](https://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](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).