

Proper 19 (24)

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP²

When Israel went out from Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn

back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

HYMN 

448. Go Down, Moses

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14 (excerpts)

15 The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me?

Tell the Israelites to go forward. 16 But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The

Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night

¹ Cover art by Rob Adams.

² Psalm 114, NRSV

and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

HYMN

134. O Mary, Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn

NOISY OFFERING

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.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING 🎵🎵

2171. Make Me a Channel of Your 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 - #11

SENDING FORTH

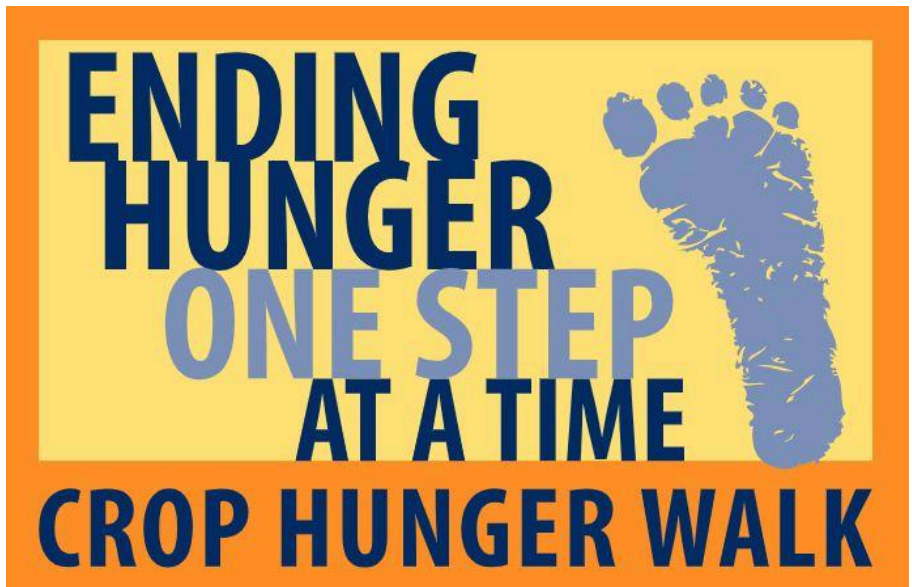
Your light shines, as Israel's did, when you receive God's blessing.

Your light shines, as Peter's did, when you forgive others as God has forgiven you.

You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

POSTLUDE 🎵🎵

585. This Little Light of Mine



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<https://www.cunninghamhome.org>

Participants who raise \$100 will receive a Cunningham Hero Cape! Your race registration fee counts towards your goal. Wear your official Cunningham Hero Cape during the race or anytime you are being a hero in your community! This 5K Run/Walk will be tons of fun and for a great cause.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Mom's Pantry)	Today!
Recipe Cards for Aaron & Kate	Today!
Church Council Meeting	9/13
Helping Hands Donation	10/1
CROP Walk	10/1
Church Council	10/11
Calendar Planning	10/15
Charge Conference	10/29

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Katie Colón, Cheryl Blackburn, Holly Arbuckle,
Andrew Adams, Lynn Weckhorst, Richard Rayburn
John & Holly Arbuckle, Brad & Lisa Heiken

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 38 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Ezra 1-3	Ezra 4-6 Psalm 137	Haggai 1-2	Zech. 1-7	Zech. 8-14	Esther 1-5	Esther 6-10

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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!.

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