



Mt Vernon UMC

*Pentecost
June 8, 2025*

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 gives us his peace, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

OPENING PRAYER²

**May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit,
like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost.**

May you rush into our hearts and inebriate our souls.

**May we be empowered by your Spirit
to live a life more faithful to God. Amen.**

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

177. He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP³

Beloved, pay attention! The Holy Spirit sweeps among us,
binding us together as family in Christ.

We are children of God, heirs of grace.

¹ Cover art by Rob Adams, using Google Gemini AI.

² Written by Ciona D. Rouse, *The Africana Worship Book*, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 123.

³ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2024.

Beloved, have you noticed? The Holy Spirit moves among us, creating and renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and one another.

We are children of God, co-creators in grace.

Beloved, be encouraged. The Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with mercy and grace, witnessing to us about God's steadfast love for God's people.

We are children of God, witnesses to grace.

Beloved, pay attention! Whether in a rushing wind or a gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace.

We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-22

HYMN 420. Breathe On Me Breath of God

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

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Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

GOSPEL

John:14:8-17, 25-27

SERMON

HYMN

2224. Make Us One Lord

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.**

**God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.**

⁴ Written by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals, A Place for Prayer blog,
<http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>.

**Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION⁵

May God, who gives us a spirit of adoption, bless you today, carrying you on the winds of the Spirit into the world to share the love, grace, and family that have been so lavishly given to each and every one of us. Amen.

CANDLES

2223. They'll Know We Are Christians

⁵ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2024.

In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
Jan 26	Prov. 2	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
Feb 02	Prov. 3	May 11	Prov. 34	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

Church Vitality

Average Sunday Attendance in May:	30
Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date:	32
Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date:	\$2,052
Average Offering, compared to budget:	+\$640
Recent Ministries:	

Spring Cleaning, Humane Society Noisy Offering, Three Easter Services, Easter Breakfast & Games, Children's Fundraiser, UWF Fundraiser, Humane Society Visit, Mother's Day, Memorial Picnic / Shriner's Hospital Talk

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$

Noisy Offering for St Jude Children's Hospital

Worship Concert w/ Sam Waltemyer (SamPiano.com)

Today!

Today!

6/22

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.

You can view this week's bulletin at <https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyp>. If you use the electronic version, please let Pastor Rob 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

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](tel:217-751-4400), pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).