



Mt Vernon UMC

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE² & CANDLES 

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 WORSHIP³

Come, walk by still waters.

We follow the Shepherd.

Come, lie down in green pastures.

We trust the Shepherd.

Come, dine at the table of abundance.

We are fed by the Shepherd.

Come, dwell in God's house.

We live in the Shepherd's care.

HYMN 

140. Great Is Thy Faithfulness

381. Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

GOSPEL

John 10:1-5

RESPONSE

Psalms 23:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he

leadeth me beside the still waters.

¹ Cover art: Mauve, Anton. Circa 1880. . *Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep*.
Cropped to fit.

² Tim Hughes; © Copyright 2001 Thankyou Music

³ Mary Petrina Boyd, *Ministry Matters*,
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5917>

GOSPEL

John 10:6-10

RESPONSE

Psalms 23:3

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.**

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS⁴

The psalmist says, "I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplication." Using a few words or a phrase, how has God heard your voice and supplication?

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(after each testimony) **Gracious is the Lord,
and righteous; our God is merciful.**

Leader: The psalmist also says, "Because [God] inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live." Using a few words or a phrase, in what areas of your life do you need to call on God's help today?

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(after each testimony) **Gracious is the Lord,
and righteous; our God is merciful.**

Merciful God, even as we remember how you have heard us in the past, we come to you again in our need, carrying burdens too large to bear. And yet, even in our need, we praise you. We praise you because we remember all you have done in the past and know that you will continue to love us and our community into flourishing. As we lay our burdens at your feet,

⁴ Adapted from Psalm 116 NRSVUE by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2022.

transform the outpouring of our praise into love for all of our neighbors, so that we may grow more like you every day. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, ...

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:19-25

RESPONSE

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

RESPONSE

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

HYMN

2022. Great Is the Lord

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

POSTLUDE & CANDLES - #2153

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)**

SENDING FORTH

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He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he
leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my
cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.
Go in peace.**

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (St Jude Children's Hospital)

Today!

Helping Hands Donation (   \$)

5/7

Sign up as liturgist, acolyte, etc.

Every Sunday!

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Tami Biehl

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 18 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Samuel 5:1-10	Psalm 133	Psalm 106- 107	2 Sam 5:11-25, 2 Sam 6	Psalm 1, 2, 15, 22-24 , 47, 68	Psalm 89,96, 100, 101, 105, 132	2 Sam 7
1 Chronicles 11-12			1 Chr 13-16			1 Chr 17

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!.

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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).