



*Mt. Vernon UMC*  
Champaign, IL  
1874 - 2024

*Sep 1, 2024*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

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 WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the  
Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with  
singing.

**Know that the Lord, he is God; It is he who made us,  
and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of  
his pasture.**

Enter his gait with Thanksgiving, and his courts with  
praise! Give thanks to him; Bless his name!

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures  
forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

HYMNS (led by Praise Band)

2158. Just a Closer Walk With Thee

378. Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## LORD'S PRAYER

### RESPONSE:

**Hear our Prayer, O Lord.**

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**Incline Thine ear to us,**

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

TESTIMONIAL & SPECIAL MUSIC Scott Jones

MESSAGE

Katie Stout

### HYMN

2032. My Life is in You, Lord

## CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>1</sup>

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.

Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we resist turning to God for healing and change.

*(silence)*

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

**God have mercy.**

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

**Christ have mercy.**

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

**God have mercy.**

God's mercies are fresh every morning.

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Susan A. Blain. *Worship Ways*. <http://uccfiles.com/>

In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,  
and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

## 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.**

## BLESSING

Go forth in Peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

Be with you all.

## HYMN

*(candles to be extinguished during final verse.)*

2036. Give Thanks

# Every Day With Jesus



This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”, available at <https://tinyurl.com/539h9r7t>. With four short readings each day, by the end of the year, we will have read the entire Bible.

2024-09-01	Job 6:11–8:22	Psalms 104:1–9	Proverbs 21:8–9	1 Corinthians 2:10–3:15
2024-09-02	Job 9:1–10:22	Psalms 104:10–15	Proverbs 21:10–11	1 Corinthians 3:16–4:13
2024-09-03	Job 11:1–13:12	Psalms 104:16–23	Proverbs 21:12–14	1 Corinthians 4:14–5:13
2024-09-04	Job 13:13–15:13	Psalms 104:24–30	Proverbs 21:15–16	1 Corinthians 6:1–20
2024-09-05	Job 15:14–17:16	Psalms 104:31–35	Proverbs 21:17–19	1 Corinthians 7:1–24
2024-09-06	Job 18:1–20:11	Psalms 105:1–6	Proverbs 21:20–21	1 Corinthians 7:25–40
2024-09-07	Job 20:12–21:34	Psalms 105:7–15	Proverbs 21:22–24	1 Corinthians 8:1–9:12

## Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Praise Band Practice	Every Sunday 10am
Visit with Ruth Z	9/7
Cunningham Children's Home Speaker	9/8
Grandparents Day	9/8
<a href="https://www.midwestmission.org/blessing-bag-pack">https://www.midwestmission.org/blessing-bag-pack</a>	9/12,9/13
Salt & Light, various opportunities	Ongoing
Helping Hands Donation	9/1
No SPRC or Council meeting this week.	
Crop Walk	10/6

**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.

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