

Mt Vernon UMC

November 12, 2023

GREETINGS¹ ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES OPENING PRAYER²

God of holy anticipation, you have promised that you would return at a time unknown to us.

Make us ready, so that when you return we might be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING³ 🎶

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 WORSHIP⁴

We enter worship once again this day choosing to serve you, God, and no other.

With waiting hearts we come to worship.

We enter as witnesses to one another to live out our baptism and grow into the Body of Christ.

With waiting hearts we come to worship

We enter dependent on the Spirit to be with us in our thoughts and feelings.

With waiting hearts we come to worship.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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² https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3871

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⁴ https://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/1209268590.pdf

1⁵HYMN **↓↓**

722. I Want to Be Ready

88. Maker, in Whom We Live

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

¹HYMN 717. Battle Hymn of the Republic NOISY OFFERING

PSALM 799. Psalm 78:1-4

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.

 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

⁵ 1 Please stand as you are able.

SERMON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

. . .

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.

HYMN

2129. I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

The God of all grace, who has called us all to eternal glory in Christ, establish us and strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may live in grace and peace.

POSTLUDE 🎶

722. I Want to Be Ready (Refrain)

Go in peace.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Canteen Run) Thanksgiving Potluck - following worship Helping Hands Donation Today! 11/19 12/3

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Rod Cameron, Jane Lalley, Zea Arbuckle, James Sherman, Allison Slocum, Katie Sherman, Imy Heindel Berry, Rev Rachel Berry

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 46 Reading Plan:

Trook is its and			
Mon	Luke 23 John 18-19	Fri	Acts 4-6
Tue	Matthew 28	Sat	Acts 7-8
	Mark 16		
Wed	_ G. K. G		
	John 20-21		
Thu	Acts 1-3	Sun	Acts 9-10

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, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).