



## Mt Vernon UMC

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

**God of all creation,**

**God of mercy, love and power,**

**we have come to praise you today.**

**God, cleanse our hearts.**

**Cleanse our hearts!**

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

**and fill us for your glory;**

**for you, O God, are One and holy!**

**Amen.**

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## PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING<sup>3</sup>

**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)**

## SCRIPTURE

**James 2:14-17 (NIV)**

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

## CROP WALK VIDEO

## HYMN

**verses 64.1, 65.1, 64.4**

64. Holy, Holy, Holy! and 65. ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!

## SCRIPTURE

**Colossians 3:12-15 (NIV)**

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

## HYMN

**618. Let Us Break Bread Together**

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## RESPONSE<sup>4</sup>

Let us be a people of forgiveness.

**And may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.**

## NOISY OFFERING

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## LORD'S PRAYER - #895

## RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

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

## SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-13

## SERMON

## HYMN

#3169. You Feed Us, Gentle Savior

## CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>5</sup>

Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him.

Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin.

Come to the Lord's Table, be at peace.

**We have not believed you or trusted in your power.**

**Lord, help our unbelief.**

**We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.**

**Cleanse us, Lord.**

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others,  
weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

**Heal us, Lord.**

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We ignore your call to center our lives in you, we fail to care for the earth, and we ignore the hopes and cries of people we encounter every day and people far from us who are poor, sick, or immigrants, or prisoners.

**Ground us, Lord!**

*Silence*

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.**

**Glory to God!**

By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body, the worldwide body of Christ that gathers this day at his table. Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our common life.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you!  
**And also with you.**

**PEACE & OFFERING**

**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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** 🎵🎵

**HOLY COMMUNION** 🎵🎵

2223. We Are One In the Spirit

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks  
for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

**We are one in Christ.  
We are one with each other.  
We are one in ministry.  
May the God who gives us compassion,  
Christ who gives us unity,  
And the Spirit who gives us strength,  
Bless you so that you may be a blessing.**

## POSTLUDE 🎵

**This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (2x)  
Go in peace.**

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Canteen Run)	Today!
Helping Hands Donation	Today!
CROP Walk	Today!
Scout Popcorn	Today!
Men’s Breakfast	7:30am, 10/8
Church Council	10/11
Calendar Planning	10/15
Trunk or Treat	10/28
Charge Conference	10/29

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Laurie Clark, Linda Cummins, John Berry Heindel,  
Kathy Biehl, Bob Sherman,  
Presley Slocum, Randy Clark, Pastor Rob Adams  
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.

Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Matt 1, Luke 2:1-38	Matt 2, Luke 2:39-52	Matt 3, Lk 3, Mk 1	Matt 4, John 1:15-51, Luke 4-5	John 2-4	Mark 2	John 5

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, [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).