

Mt Vernon UMC

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS¹
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
OPENING PRAYER
CANDLE LIGHTING
177.

177. He Is Lord

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.

¹ Cover artist unknown, https://jaymack.net/da-the-sermon-on-the-mount-matthew-53-16-and-luke-617-19/

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord calls us to join God's great mission.

What would keep us from obeying God's Spirit?

The Spirit of the Lord calls us to become new in Christ.

What would keep us from being baptized?

The Spirit of the Lord calls us to make disciples of all nations.

What would keep us from sharing good news?

The Spirit of the Lord calls us

so that God's joy may be in us and our joy may be full.

What would keep us from the joy of Christ?

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that you have been commanded.²

Nothing will keep us from obeying God's Spirit! Nothing will keep us from loving and serving God! SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-29

26 An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: "Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is the desert road.) 27 So he got up and went. There was an Ethiopian man, a eunuch and high official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to worship in Jerusalem 28 and was sitting in his chariot on his way home, reading the prophet Isaiah aloud.

29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go and join that chariot."

² Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)

↑³HYMN → 393. Spirit of the Living God (2x) SCRIPTURE Acts 8:30-35

- 30 When Philip ran up to it, he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you're reading?"
- 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone guides me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the Scripture passage he was reading was this:

He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb is silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who will describe his generation?

For his life is taken from the earth.

34 The eunuch said to Philip, "I ask you, who is the prophet saying this about—himself or someone else?" 35 Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture.

- 1. Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word
- 2. Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God,

 3 ↑ = Please stand in body or in spirit.

⁴ Naida Hearn, © 1974, 1978 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing. CCLI #21891763.

Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world,

3. Praise him! Lord above all lords, King above all kings, God's only Son, The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit Comes to live in us, Master and Friend.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:36-39

36 As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, "Look, there's water. What would keep me from being baptized?" 38 So he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer but went on his way rejoicing.

↑HYMN 🎶

2107. Wade in the Water

NOISY OFFERING
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O LORD, hear our prayer, O LORD; incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

SERMON

Luke 6

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

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

BLESSING⁵

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE **M**

177. He Is Lord

⁵ Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

Sermon Notes, Luke 6:17:
1. What was Luke saying to early readers:
2. How does this episode fit into Luke's narrative? How
does it fit into the Grand Narrative?

3. What is the Holy Spirit saying to <u>you</u> today? How can you apply this?:

Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called "Every Day With Jesus". With four short readings each day, by the end of the year, we will have read the entire Bible.



2024-04-28	Joshua 9:1–10:28	Psalm 50:1–6	Proverbs 11:30–31	Luke 14:25–15:10
2024-04-29	Joshua 10:29–12:24	Psalm 50:7–15	Proverbs 12:1–3	Luke 15:11–32
2024-04-30	Joshua 13:1–14:15	Psalm 50:16–23	Proverbs 12:4–5	Luke 16:1–18
2024-05-01	Joshua 15:1-63	Psalm 51:1–5	Proverbs 12:6–7	Luke 16:19–17:10
2024-05-02	Joshua 16:1–18:28	Psalm 51:6–9	Proverbs 12:8–10	Luke 17:11–37
2024-05-03	Joshua 19:1–51	Psalm 51:10–13	Proverbs 12:11–12	Luke 18:1–23
2024-05-04	Joshua 20:1–21:45	Psalm 51:14–19	Proverbs 12:13–14	Luke 18:24–43

Upcoming Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Noisy Offering (IGRC Camping)	Today!
Sesquicentennial Celebration Meeting	9:45am, 4/28
SPRC	6:30pm, 5/1
Helping Hands Donation	5/5
Guest from IGRC Camping & Retreat Ministries	5/5
Church Council	6:30pm, 5/8
Pentecost Outside Worship & Picnic	5/19
Zoom and Prayer (ask Rob for link)	8pm, Tuesdays
Dinner and Bible	6:30pm, Thursdays

From igrc.org/camping:

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference camping program is an extension of the local church's disciple-making process. Its mission is to connect people, nature, and Christ for the transformation of the world.

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Tami Biehl, Randy & Laurie Clark, Rich & Amie Pankau, Barry Couch & Kathy Wirth-Couch

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.

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).