

### Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Valentine's Luncheon	2/16
Pie Raffle	2/16
Blessings of Tractors & Seeds	3/15
Pi Day	3/16

### Recent and Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Teresa Sherman, Barry Couch, John Arbuckle,  
Dan Sherman, Nick Free, Meg Dickinson, Caleb Oye, Bill Kurth

**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.

Do you prefer using an electronic version of the bulletin? You can view this week's bulletin at <https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyup>. If you use the electronic version, please let Pastor Rob know.



God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught

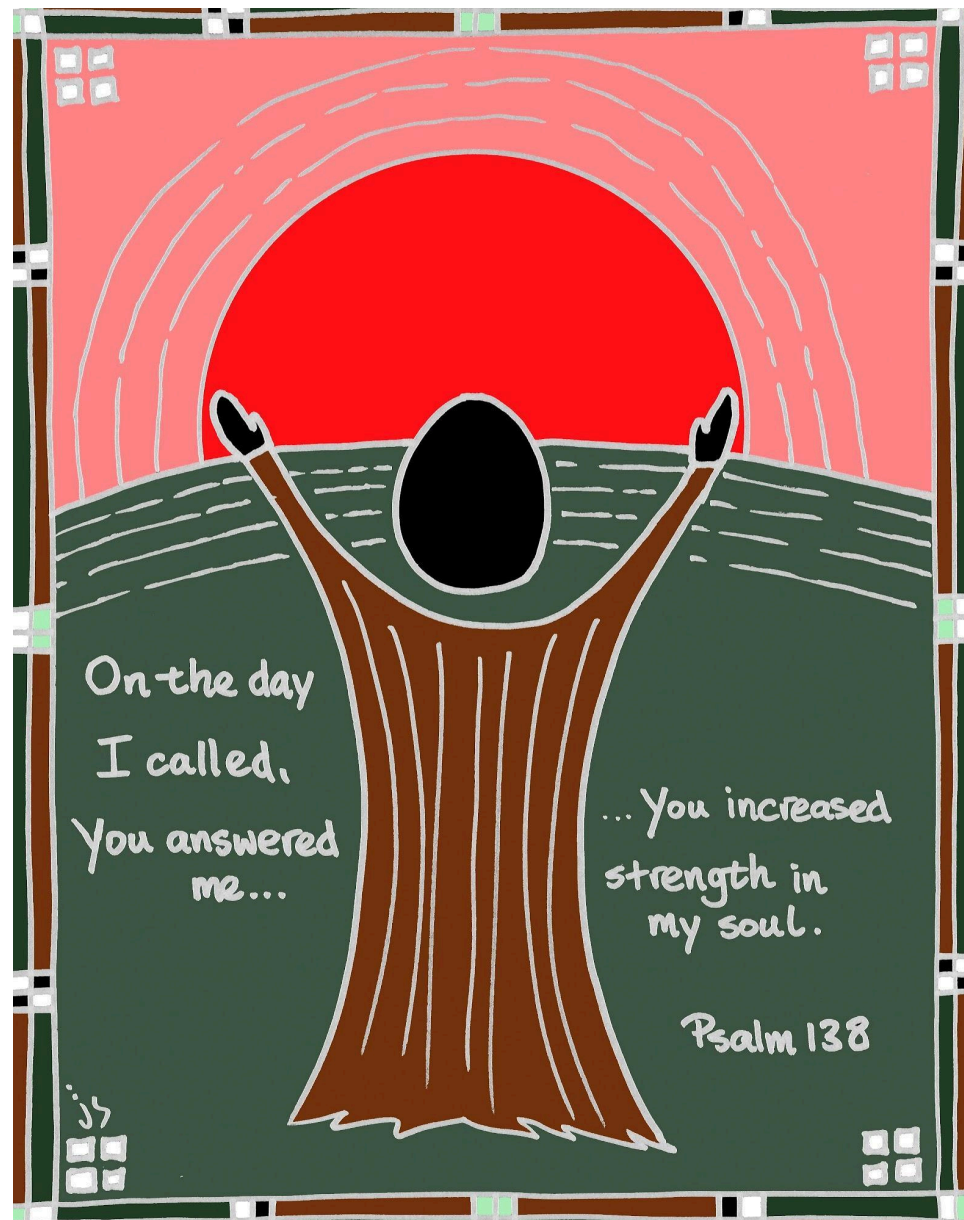
Learn together of God's love and grace

Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

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)).



*Mt Vernon UMC*

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

## ENTRANCE

### GATHERING<sup>1</sup>

*Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.*

### GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ, who calls us to leave everything and follow him,  
is with us!

**Praise the Lord!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER

### PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

3056. Jesus, the Light of the World

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and  
worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the  
baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we  
can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you  
follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today  
we answer Christ's call together!

**God, help us leave everything and follow your path of  
Love everywhere we go! Amen.**

## *In Search of Wisdom*

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by  
Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will  
consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in  
the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

<del>Jan 19</del>	<del>Prov. 1</del>	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
<del>Jan 26</del>	<del>Prov. 2</del>	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
<del>Feb 02</del>	<del>Prov. 3</del>	May 11	Prov. 31	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

<sup>1</sup> Cover art by John Stuart, stushieart.com

<sup>2</sup> Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

### HOLY COMMUNION

### 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*

### BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14).

### CANDLES

*Go into the world, the body of Christ redeemed by His  
blood, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, to praise the  
Father and love His people.*

### HYMN

64. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8

*"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"*

### HYMN

593. Here I Am, Lord

2101. Two Fishermen

### PSALM

853. Psalm 138

### RESPONSE

70. GLORIA PATRI

### NOISY OFFERING

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER

### RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

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

### *PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE*

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

*"they left everything and followed him"*

### MESSAGE

### PEACE & OFFERING

### DOXOLOGY - #95

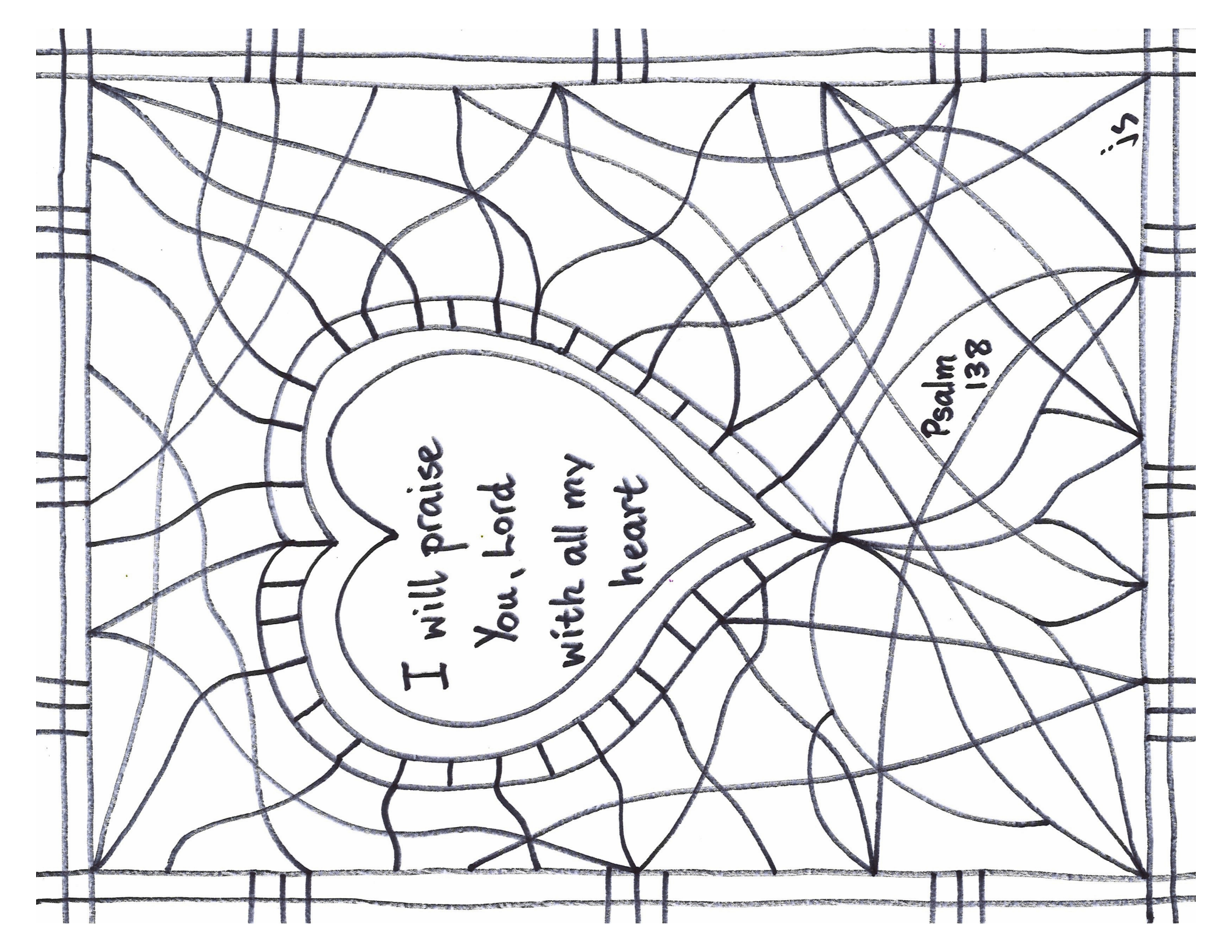
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God for all that love has done;**

**Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**





I will praise  
You, Lord  
with all my  
heart

Psalm  
138

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