



Mt. Vernon UMC
Champaign, IL
1874 - 2024

Sep 22, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING¹ 

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)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Our world offers many wide avenues
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**Our God invites us to walk the road
of service and sacrifice.**

Our society suggests we put down our roots
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Our culture promotes achievement, success,
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**Our God tells us if we want to be first
we need to go to the end of the line.**

¹ Tim Hughes. © 2000 Thankyou Music. CCLI 3266032 / 21891763

² Inspired by Psalm 1, Mark 9:33-37. Written by Thom Shuman. Posted on
Lectionary Liturgies, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

SCRIPTURE & HYMN

Proverbs 31:10-31

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Note to Powerpoint creator: Put one verse from proverbs on its own screen. So first screen is 31:10, second is 31:11, etc.

**I'm gonna live so God can use me,
anywhere Lord, any time. (x2)**

A woman of strength who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good and not harm all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her female servant.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

**I'm gonna work so God can use me,
anywhere Lord, any time. (x2)**

She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

**I'm gonna serve so God can use me,
anywhere Lord, any time. (x2)**

She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all
her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and
purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat
among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the
merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the
time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of
kindness is on her tongue.

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me,
anywhere Lord, any time. (x2)**

She looks well to the ways of her household and does not
eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too,
and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass
them all."

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who
fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her
works praise her in the city gates.

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me,
anywhere Lord, any time. (x2)**

HYMN 304. Easter People, Raise Your Voices
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.

SCRIPTURE

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

MESSAGE

HYMN

2222. The Servant Song

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.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION
HOLY COMMUNION
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

~~Receive God's Holy Spirit, believe that God sent God's
Son to cure us of sin and death.
Take up your cross and follow Jesus.~~

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.
Go in peace.

CANDLES

672. God Be With You, v1

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.

2024-09-15	Job 38:1–39:12	Psalm 106:40–48	Proverbs 22:9–10	1 Corinthians 14:26–15:11
2024-09-16	Job 39:13–40:24	Psalm 107:1–9	Proverbs 22:11–12	1 Corinthians 15:12–34
2024-09-17	Job 41:1–42:17	Psalm 107:10–16	Proverbs 22:13–14	1 Corinthians 15:35–58
2024-09-18	Ecclesiastes 1:1–3:8	Psalm 107:17–22	Proverbs 22:15–16	1 Corinthians 16:1–24
2024-09-19	Ecclesiastes 3:9–6:12	Psalm 107:23–32	Proverbs 22:17–19	2 Corinthians 1:1–22
2024-09-20	Ecclesiastes 7:1–9:10	Psalm 107:33–38	Proverbs 22:20–21	2 Corinthians 1:23–3:3
2024-09-21	Ecclesiastes 9:11–12:14	Psalm 107:39–43	Proverbs 22:22–23	2 Corinthians 3:4–4:6

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Praise Band Practice	Every Sunday 10am
Helping Hands Donation	10/6
World Communion Day & Crop Walk	10/6

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

~~Ruth Zahnd, Diane Adams, Katie Colon, Cheryl Blackburn,
Andrew Adams, Holly Arbuckle, Lynn Weckhorst,
Rob & Diane Adams, John & Holly Arbuckle, Brad & Lisa
Heiken~~

~~For more information about these and other activities, check
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Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know:~~

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bulletin? You can view this week's bulletin at
<https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyp>. 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~~

~~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).~~