



Mt Vernon UMC

October 31, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP²

We are people of God, created to love

**We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind,
and strength.**

We are people of God, determined to love.

**We will love our neighbors and treat them as we would
be treated.**

We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain
popularity or favor.

**We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable
because love imitates God's nature.**

**For the whole law is summed up in a single
commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as
yourself".**

PSALM - Psalm 146

 HYMN - UMH#368

My Hope is Built

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

GOSPEL - Mark 12:28-34

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² Safiyah Fosua, *Africana Worship Book for Year B*, Valerie Bridgeman
Davis and Safiyah Fosua, eds., (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 73.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Katie Stout

The Gift of Love

OT READING - Ruth 1:1-18

SERMON



HYMN

The Family of God

CONFESSION & PARDON - UMH12

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

POSTLUDE

CHARGE & BLESSING

Love your family, and never tire of inviting those who
love you into your family.

And may you always know that

God is our Parent,

Jesus our Salvation,

And the Holy Spirit our home,

Forever and ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace

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).

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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The Family Of God
by Gloria Gaither & William J. Gaither

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, The Family of God.*

You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here,
It's because we're a family and these folks are so near;
When one has a heartache, we all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.

I'm so glad I'm a part ...

From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King,
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;
From rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong,
I'm not worthy to be here, but praise God I belong!

I'm so glad I'm a part ...