



Mt Vernon UMC

June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

CANDLE LIGHTING

This Little Light of Mine

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is

a small spark of God within us.

Kindle that small spark into

a flame of love and service.

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We celebrate the loving presence of

God in our life.

May God's loving presence be

a strong influence in our life.

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We rejoice that God teaches us about

love and forgiveness.

As we grow in faith, trust and love for God,

may our worship, witness and service bring

honor to God's Holy Name. Amen.

PSALM

854. Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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↑³HYMN

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands
Down By the Riverside

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

Pastor Rob Licensed Local Pastor Course of Study
Owen B Jefferson Middle School
Abby B Westview Elementary
Makenna B Lincoln Trail Elementary
Luke S Heartland Community College
Cory O Champaign Central HS

↑HYMN

He's Got the Whole Word

Verse 1. He's got Owen and Abby ...
Verse 2. He's got Cory and Makenna ...
Verse 3. He's got Luke and Pastor Rob ...

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-10

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.

³ ↑ = Please stand in body or spirit.

RESPONSE

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

MESSAGE

Luke 6

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE⁴

**Holy God,
we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.
We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.
We confess that we have been hurt by others.
We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times
are just impossible for us.
We know that nothing is impossible in You.
We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us.
Help us, whenever possible,
to live in peace with others,
to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.
For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied,
abused and put to death.
He rose again,
and came with the message of peace to those
who had denied him and abandoned him.
May we walk in his ways. Amen.
Nothing is impossible with God.
There is no place you can go,
no end of the earth you can run,
where God cannot find you.
There is nothing on earth or beyond death**

⁴ written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on *Rev-o-lution*. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

that can separate you from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You are forgiven.

You are loved.

You are reconciled to God.

Go and live with the love of God. Amen.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING⁵

And now, sisters and brothers,
go from this place knowing that
the God who made you also sustains you.
The God who calls you also goes with you.
The God who loved you before you were born
still loves you today,
and into all the tomorrows. Amen.

CANDLES 

Little Light of Mine

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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.



2024-06-02	1 Samuel 26:1–28:25	Psalms 67:1–7	Proverbs 14:23–25	John 7:30–52
2024-06-03	1 Samuel 29:1–31:13	Psalms 68:1–6	Proverbs 14:26–28	John 7:53–8:20
2024-06-04	2 Samuel 1:1–2:32	Psalms 68:7–14	Proverbs 14:29–30	John 8:21–41
2024-06-05	2 Samuel 3:1–4:12	Psalms 68:15–19	Proverbs 14:31–32	John 8:42–9:7
2024-06-06	2 Samuel 5:1–6:23	Psalms 68:20–27	Proverbs 14:33–35	John 9:8–27
2024-06-07	2 Samuel 7:1–9:13	Psalms 68:28–31	Proverbs 15:1–3	John 9:28–10:6
2024-06-08	2 Samuel 10:1–11:27	Psalms 68:32–35	Proverbs 15:4–5	John 10:7–30

Scripture Notes, Luke 6:24-26

1. What was Jesus saying to the disciples?
2. What was Luke communicating to early readers?
3. How do these “woes” relate to the “blesseds” in Luke 6:20-22? How does it fit into the Grand Narrative?
4. What is the Holy Spirit communicating to you today? What change is the Holy Spirit seeking in you? How can you apply this?:

Upcoming Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Noisy Offering (IGRC Camping)

Today!

Helping Hands Donation

Today!

Sesquicentennial Celebration Meeting

9:45am, 6/9

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Noah Drollinger (2023), Kristen Lalley

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).