



Mt Vernon UMC

September 21, 2025

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

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

GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus Christ, mediator between us and God, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

OPENING PRAYER

CANDLES

64. Holy, Holy, Holy! (v1)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up
and which way is down...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path
for us...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet
peace of God's embrace...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and
discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

**Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to
our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.**

PSALM 22 / Motherless Child

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

MESSAGE

Is There No Balm?

HYMN

375. There Is a Balm in Gilead

HYMN(s)

Congregation Chooses

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

¹Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2025.

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

PASSING THE 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.

CONFESSION

357. Just as I Am, v1&5

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Is there no balm in Gilead? Will our suffering never end?

God gives us all that we need.

Jesus gives us compassion, having shared in our suffering.

The Holy Spirit gives us strength to carry on.

Go into the world, refreshed and relieved, to give what you have received.

CANDLES

64. Holy, Holy, Holy! (v4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name,

in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Church Vitality

Average Sunday Attendance in July:	37.4
Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date:	33.4
Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date:	1,828.33
Average Offering, compared to budget:	+\$415.44

Recent Ministries:

Children's Fundraiser, UWF Fundraiser, Humane Society Visit, Mother's Day, Memorial Picnic / Shriner's Hospital Talk, Worship Concert w/ Sam Waltemyer, St Jude offering, July 4th Float decoration and parade, ice cream and games, St Jude run, VBS, Helping Hands

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Noisy Offering for Spero Family Services	7/6-9/28
Noisy Offering for Midwest Mission	10/5-12/28
Bicycles to MMDC	See Katie S.
Charge Conference	10/5
CROP Walk	10/5

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!

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. pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).