



Mt Vernon UMC

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

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)

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord,

who listens when we cry out,

who rescues us when we call,

and who leads and guides us

according to his unfailing love.

You are our God; **our lives are in your hands.**

Let's worship God together! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:2-10

HYMN 

545. The Church's One Foundation

361. Rock of Ages

PSALM

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

HYMN 

368. My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

ROCK OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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² Written by Christine Longhurst, posted at

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-for-easter-5.html>

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

**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.**

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-14

Acts 7:55-60

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

OFFERING & PEACE

HYMN

2065. More Precious Than Silver.

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.
GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17 🎵
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 FORTH³

As you go forth into the world, remember: you are a living stone. In everything you do, you can embody and enact worship. So, living stones, how will you partner with God to build the kingdom of heaven today and every day?

POSTLUDE 🎵

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)
I'm gonna work so ... (2x)
I'm gonna pray so ... (2x)
I'm gonna sing so ... (2x)
Go in peace.**

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Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (St Jude Children's Hospital)

Today!

Helping Hands Donation (   \$)

Today!

Church Council

6pm, 5/10

UWF (church picnic planning)

5/17

Planning meeting (all are welcome)

Noon, 5/21

Church Picnic

5/28

Graduation Sunday

6/4

Sign up as liturgist, acolyte, etc.

Every Sunday!

Create & operate slides

Every Sunday!

Facebook streaming

Every Sunday!

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Johnny Thigpen-Kraps, Hannah Thigpen-Kraps, Amy Oye

David & Lynn Weckhorst

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.

Week 8 Reading Plan:

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Psalms 25, 29, 33,36,39 | 2 Sam 8-9 | Psalms 50,53, 60,75 | 2 Sam 10 | Psalms 65-67, 69-70 | 2 Sam 11-12 | Psalms 32,51, 86,122 |
| | 1 Chron 18 | | 1 Chron 19 | | 1 Chron 20 | |
| | | | Psalms 20 | | | |

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).