



*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

Mt Vernon UMC

August 21, 2022

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CALL TO WORSHIP²

God alone is our refuge and hope,
our shelter and protection.

**From our very first breath to our last,
God's love and compassion never fails.**

So come, lift your voices in praise to God.
Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.
Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

Let's worship God together.

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

**Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord. (2x)**

OPENING PRAYER³



In you alone we put our hope,
God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,
who gives all good things, seen and unseen.

In you alone we put our hope.

In you alone we put our hope,
God the Son, Savior and Redeemer,
who died for our sins and rose again.

In you alone we put our hope.

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Jeremiah 1 (NRSV)

² Uncredited. [https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper 16 C](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper+16+C)

³ John Birch. <http://www.faithandworship.com> (Modified)

In you alone we put our hope,
God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,
who moves us to sing “He is LORD!”

In you alone we put our hope. Amen.

HYMN



133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

PSALM



Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON



Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 13:10-17

SERMON

HYMN



593 Here I Am, Lord

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.**

CONFESSION

Holy God, You have created us with purpose.
You have given each of us gifts and talents that we might
use to bring forth your kingdom to this earth!
**We confess that we selfishly use our gifts for personal
gain, forgetting that they, too, are a means of tithing.**
You have bestowed on us unique abilities that allow us to
help your children across the world—the poor, the
orphan, the widow, the immigrant, and the oppressed.
**How beautiful a gift you have given us! Forgive us
when we forget to share it.**
As you did for the prophet Jeremiah, put your hand to our
mouths, our hands, our feet, our minds... all the
different parts of us so that we may speak, act, write,
teach, comfort, and share your good news!
**May our magnificently different voices carry the
incredible message of your love, redemption, and
grace.**

We are called to be prophets!
Amen.

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.**

CHARGE & BLESSING⁴

Just as God's Word was sent into the world
to heal and redeem,
so God sends you into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.


Go now to be light for the world!

And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the
Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day
and remain with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE & CANDLES



Next Sunday:

 Psalm 8:1,10-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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).

⁴ Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey, Rev. Susan A. Blain "O Merciful God: God of Wisdom: Prayers for the Fourth Sunday in Lent," United Church of Christ.
<https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/>

