

Mt Vernon UMC

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES TO CALL TO WORSHIP^{1 2}

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- P And also with you.
- L Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her.
- P All you who love her; rejoice with her in joy.

HUMOR INTERLUDE

↑PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

657. This Is the Day

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, glorious Creator, we praise and thank you and rejoice before on this day that you have made.

With Israel upon hearing your promises of salvation, we rejoice in what you are about; with Jerusalem upon hearing of her coming restoration, we shout for joy.

Oh Father, on this our Holy Sabbath we remember not only the cross, but the resurrection; and we sing of Christ's victory and praise you for bringing life out of death, hope out of despair, and laughter out of sorrow -- and granting them to us as part of our eternal inheritance in him.

We pray you attend our praise and restore our hearts with your love, both now and evermore. **Amen**.

 $^{^{1} \}uparrow ==$ Please stand in body or spirit.

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PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

When our lives are torn by sadness, heal our wounds with tuneful balm; when all seems discordant madness, help us find a measured calm.

Steady us with music's anchor when the storms of life increase: in the midst of hurt and rancor, make us instruments of peace.

Turn our sighing into singing, music born of hope restored: set our souls and voices ringing, tune our hearts in true accord: till we form a mighty chorus joining angel-choirs above, with all those who went before us, in eternal hymns of love.

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SCRIPTURE⁴ Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-6 HUMOR INTERLUDE

HYMN 🎶 Down By the Riverside

1 Going to lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside, (3x) Going to lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside, (2x) Going to study war no more. (7x)

2 Going to lay down my burden, ...

3 Going to meet my loving Jesus, ...

Going to study war no more. [Chorus]

HYMN 🎶 Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Give me oil in my lamp, Keep me burning,

Give me oil in my lamp I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp, Keep me burning.

Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna,

Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings.

Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna,

Sing Hosanna to the King.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising...

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving...

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting...

Give me faith in my heart, keep me trusting...

Hide your word in my heart, keep me learning...

Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking...

Give me fuel in my engine, Keep me flyin' like a Christian.

Give me gas for my Ford, keep me truckin' for the Lord...

⁴ New International Reader's Version

Give me umption in my gumption, Let me function, function, function.

Give me wax for my board, keep me surfin' for the Lord

Give me wax for my skis, keep me bombin' through the trees...

Give me batteries for my torch keep me shining... Ever Ready, Ever Ready, Ever Ready for the king of Kings...

NOISY OFFERING
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
RESPONSE 🎶

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

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 Proverbs 17:22

HUMOR INTERLUDE

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

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

617. I Come with Joy

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

May God's Creation bring you joy.

May God's Salvation bring you hope.

May God's Spirit bring you laughter.

Go into the world, sharing your joy in Christ Jesus with all whom you meet.

Amen

POSTLUDE 🎶

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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.



2024-04-07	Deuteronomy 2:1–3:29	Psalm 39:7–13	Proverbs 10:3–5	Luke 5:1–20
2024-04-08	Deuteronomy 4:1–49	Psalm 40:1–5	Proverbs 10:6–8	Luke 5:21–6:11
2024-04-09	Deuteronomy 5:1–6:25	Psalm 40:6–10	Proverbs 10:9–11	Luke 6:12–36
2024-04-10	Deuteronomy 7:1–8:20	Psalm 40:11–17	Proverbs 10:12–14	Luke 6:37–7:10
2024-04-11	Deuteronomy 9:1–10:22	Psalm 41:1–6	Proverbs 10:15–17	Luke 7:11–35
2024-04-12	Deuteronomy 11:1–12:19	Psalm 41:7–13	Proverbs 10:18–21	Luke 7:36–8:3
2024-04-13	Deuteronomy 12:20–14:21	Psalm 42:1–11	Proverbs 10:22–25	Luke 8:4–25

Upcoming Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Noisy Offering (IGRC Camping)

Helping Hands Donation

Zoom and Prayer (ask Rob for link)

Dinner and Bible

Today!

8pm, Tuesdays
6:30pm, Thursdays

From igrc.org/camping:

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference camping program is an extension of the local church's disciple-making process. Its mission is to connect people, nature, and Christ for the transformation of the world.

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays:

Abigale Bailen, Rob Dickinson

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).