



*Mt. Vernon UMC*

Champaign, IL

1874 - 2024

## ENTRANCE

GREETINGS

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Lord of All

*Kimberly Smithson, Janet & Ted Robb*

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In 1874 we said to each other:

**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

But first we had to build it. Carefully, prayerfully, we planned, worked, and built.

In 1936 we said to each other:

**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

But the flame lighting was dim and smoky. So we added electricity. In time we added a sound system, a projector and a TV.

In 1939, we said to each other:

**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

But we needed more room for Sunday School and church suppers. So we raised the building and built a basement. In time we added a coal furnace and running water and restrooms and sump pumps.

In 1975 we said to each other:

**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

But it was too hot to go! So we added air conditioning. In time we had modern efficiency HVAC with programmable thermostats.

In 1990 we said to each other,

**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

So we built a narthex. In time we added an accessible restroom and a nursery.

In 2011 we said to each other:

**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

So we replaced the siding and restored the steeple. People from miles away hear the bell and see the lights in the steeple windows.

Throughout the years we said to each other:

**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

But there were floods, and winds, and hail, and bees.

There was rot and wear. There was a dry well. So we repaired, rebuilt, restored, and remodelled.

For 150 years, we have said to each other:

**Let us go to the house of the Lord!**

PSALM

845. Psalm 122

HYMN 

555. Forward Through The Ages

POEM

The Old Mt. Vernon Country Church

*written by Marvin Lee Flessner*

*adjustments by Dan Sherman*

*read by Richard Rayburn*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Old Country Church

*Marvin Lee*

HYMN 

2223. One In the Spirit

NOISY OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me

*Children's Choir*

# PASTORAL PRAYER

## RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

**and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:19-25

## HYMN

545. The Church's One Foundation

## SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

## MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Adams

*Blessed is the one who plants a tree under whose shade  
they will never sit.*

## CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>1</sup>

**Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness in guiding  
and providing for this church through the years,  
during times of celebration and challenge.**

**We ask for Your forgiveness for the ways in which we  
have not been faithful—in the past or in the present,  
as individuals and as a congregation—to Your Word  
and Your ways.**

**Forgive us for our sins and shortcomings.**

**Forgive us for not loving You with all our heart, soul,  
mind, and strength, and for not loving our  
neighbors—and each other—as we ought.**

**Forgive us for missed opportunities to follow You with  
a greater commitment of trust and faithfulness to the  
priorities and purposes that You intend for us.**

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<sup>1</sup> 150th Anniversary Bulletin, First Reformed Church, Sheboygan Falls. 2006.  
<https://www.1streformed.org/f/072306.pdf>

**Give us a renewed desire for worshiping and serving  
You, our Great and Faithful God. Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

**Leader:** Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

**SHARING 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.**

**THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 FORTH

POSTLUDE

Ashokan Farewell

*Katie Stout and Luke Sherman*

## BLESSING

Hold to the hope you profess, for God is faithful—God has carried Mt Vernon Methodist Church through 150 years and is not abandoning us now.

Draw near to God, cleansed by the blood of Jesus—who loves generation after generation after generation after generation of this congregation, even to the point of dying for us.

Share God's Spirit, by whose power this building rose from the ground, by whose grace it stands today, and by whose promise it will stand for another century, spurring one another toward love and good deeds.

And even as the Day of the Lord approaches, do not give up meeting together, but encourage each other, in Christ Jesus.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

## ***Every Day With Jesus***

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”, available at <https://tinyurl.com/539h9r7t>. With four short readings each day, by the end of the year, we will have read the entire Bible.



2024-08-18	Ezra 8:1–9:15	Psalms 96:10–13	Proverbs 20:2–3	Romans 7:1–25
2024-08-19	Ezra 10:1– Nehemiah 1:11	Psalms 97:1–6	Proverbs 20:4–6	Romans 8:1–25
2024-08-20	Nehemiah 2:1–3:32	Psalms 97:7–12	Proverbs 20:7–9	Romans 8:26–9:5
2024-08-21	Nehemiah 4:1–6:19	Psalms 98:1–9	Proverbs 20:10–12	Romans 9:6–26
2024-08-22	Nehemiah 7:1–60	Psalms 99:1–9	Proverbs 20:13–15	Romans 9:27–10:15
2024-08-23	Nehemiah 7:61–9:38	Psalms 100:1–5	Proverbs 20:16–18	Romans 10:16–11:10
2024-08-24	Nehemiah 10:1–11:19	Psalms 101:1–8	Proverbs 20:19–21	Romans 11:11–36

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## Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Praise Band Practice	Every Sunday 10am
<i>Sesquicentennial Worship &amp; Lunch</i>	10:30am, 8/18
<i>Sesquicentennial Program</i>	1:00ish, 8/18

## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

***MTV!! 150TH!!***

MJ Colon, Erich Slocum

Tom & 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!.

To learn more, visit [facebook.com/MtVChamp](https://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](tel:217-751-4400), [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).