



# Mt Vernon UMC

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday In Lent

# GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.

Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and truth, with all that we have and all that we are.

Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the darkness of Friday, but celebrate the eternal joy of Sunday!

May we worship you not only with our voice and not only in this hour, but with our word and deed all the days of our lives.

In the name of the one whom you sent to give us life, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>3</sup>

Six days before the Passover, Martha served Jesus dinner at Lazarus' house. There, Mary took a pound of costly perfume and anointed Jesus' feet.

**What's that in the air?**

Mary poured her perfume on Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair.

**The fragrance of her worship filled the air.**

The prayers of the saints are like rising incense before God.

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<sup>1</sup> Cover art by John Stuart, [www.stushieart.com](http://www.stushieart.com)

<sup>2</sup> Modified from *The Book of Worship*, 1965

<sup>3</sup> Kwasi Kena, *The Africana Worship Book for Year C* (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 66.

**The fragrance of their worship fills the air.**

Today, let us raise a praise that touches the heart of God.

**Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air.**

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**God, we offer our praise as a sweet fragrance that  
aspires to heaven. May the fragrance of our worship  
fill the air!**

**OT READING - Isaiah 43:16-21**

 **HYMN**

**#170 - O How I Love Jesus**

**PSALM**

**#847 - Psalm 126**

 **HYMN**

**#117 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**THE 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.**

**NT READING - Philippians 3:4b-16**

GOSPEL - John 12:1-8

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

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 - #17

SENDING FORTH

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

**Amen.**

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, [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).

