



## Mt Vernon UMC

June 26, 2022

Third Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES  
OPENING PRAYER  
PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



**Our God is an awesome God!**  
**He reigns from heaven above**  
**With wisdom, power, and love.**  
**Our God is an awesome God!**

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

God is a God who calls.

**We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.**

God is a God who equips.

**We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.**

God is a God who sends.

**We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world where we live.**

God is a God who blesses.

**We are here to worship and to request a double share of that blessing.**

Let us worship God.

**Amen!**

HYMN



2040. Awesome God

SCRIPTURE LESSON



2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

HYMN



402. Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
Hold On

PSALM



Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



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

<sup>2</sup> Rev. Dr. Derek C. Weber, Discipleship Ministries, 2021

# LORD'S PRAYER - #895

## SCRIPTURE LESSON



Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

## SERMON

## CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>3</sup> - #12



**We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit,  
but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh.**

**We know the whole law is summed up  
in the single commandment  
to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside  
and tell ourselves we have no responsibility.**

**Even in our own back yard we “bite and devour” one another.  
We wish it were different.**

**When Jesus calls us to follow him,  
we find every excuse to instead go home  
or to the workplace to finish something more important first.  
Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.**

*Silent confession.....*

Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm  
redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and  
encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard  
we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far  
we stray.

We need but ask and we are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**Glory to God. Amen.**

## OFFERING & PEACE

## DOXOLOGY - #95



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;

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<sup>3</sup> The Rev. Catherine Rolling. *Putting on the Mantle: Service Prayers for the 6th Sunday after Pentecost*. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

## 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 & BLESSING

Go into the world, as faithful followers of Christ.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE



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)).