

M. Vernon UMC Champaign, IL 1874 - 2024

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS OPENING PRAYER CANDLES

Here I Am To Worship

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PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE CALL TO WORSHIP¹

King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God, From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

Our souls long for your courts, O Lord of hosts;

Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you!

Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God;

Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you!

We have found a home in your presence, Our King and Our God;

Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you!

Who is like our God, the One who strengthens his people, the One who reveals himself to all who seek after him?

¹ excerpted from a longer prayer posted on the Oratio Contemplativa website. <u>http://oratiocontemplativa.wordpress.com/2013/06/15/prayers-for-proper-25-year-c-rel-closest-to-october-26/</u>

This is our God, the Holy One.

Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise.

Happy are we who dwell in God's house and are ever praising God!

HYMNS

710. Faith of Our Fathers

PSALM Psalm 84

150th TESTIMONY

HYMN 🎶

328. Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN"S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE 🎶

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:2a, 14-18

Serve the Lord

24:1

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Sheehem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

24:2a

And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

24:14

"Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD.

24:15

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

24:16

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,

24:17

for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed,

and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

GOSPEL John 6:56-69

The bread of eternal life

6:56

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.

6:57

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

6:58

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

6:59

He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

6:60

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

6.61

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

6:63

It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

6:64

But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him

6:65

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

6:66

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

6:67

So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

6:68

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

6:69

We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Adams

² "Do you want to leave me too?" Jesus asks. He does not water down his words or change them. "Whoever eats my flesh will live forever."

> Where would we go, Jesus? Who has life and words like yours?

If you can create a universe from nothing; if you can invent a wheat field, then we believe that you can come to us as bread.

Holy One of God, come nourish us, be with us and sustain us, or we will not have the strength. Our journey will be too hard.

APOSTLES CREED
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.

² written by Anne Osdieck, and posted on Saint Louis University's The Center for Liturgy web site. http://liturgy.slu.edu/

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

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.

BLESSING

Choose this day whom you will serve. Will you serve the God who creates us, saves us, and gives us hope? Or will you serve the gods of this culture? Will you love others, or will you love only yourself? The choice is yours.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance[a] upon you and give you peace.

Go in peace.

CANDLES

672. God Be With You, v1

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

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Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Praise Band Practice	Eveny Sunday 10em
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Sesquicentennial Worship & Lunch	10:30am, 8/18
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Sesquicentennial Program	1:00ish, 8/18
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Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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.

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Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

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