



*Mt Vernon UMC<sup>1</sup>*

*October 5, 2025*

## **ENTRANCE**

### **GATHERING**

*Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.*

### **GREETINGS**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Jesus Christ, the bread of life, is with us!

**Praise the Lord!**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

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

## CANDLES

64. Holy, Holy, Holy! (v1)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

Destruction and violence are everywhere;

strife and contention are all around

**The needs of the world are so great;**

**O Lord, increase our faith.**

The law is slack,

and justice does not prevail.

**The needs of the world are so great;**

**O Lord, increase our faith.**

How many threats surround us;

warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**The needs of the world are so great,**

**but you, O God, are greater still –**

**the One in whom all things are possible.**

**O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

## HYMN

568. Christ for the World We Sing

## PSALM

850. Psalm 133

## HYMN

545. The Church's One Foundation

## NOISY OFFERING

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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<sup>2</sup> Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year C, Vol. 2, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed. WJK Press, 2013, 193.

## ***PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE***

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 137, Luke 17:5-6

MESSAGE

*Mustard Seeds and Mulberry Trees*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,  
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

# ***THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION***

CONFESSION & PARDON

PASSING 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

## ***SENDING FORTH***

BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>

Imagine what a mustard seed of faith  
might do this week in your life.

Not a quart,

nor a gallon,

nor a truckload.

Just a mustard seed.

Imagine.

Now go and live out that grace.

Yes! Let it be so! Amen!

CANDLES

64. Holy, Holy, Holy! (v4)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

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<sup>3</sup> Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren website.

<http://rockhay.tripod.com/worship/orders/2010/10-10-03.htm>.

**All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Church Vitality**

Average Sunday Attendance in September:	31.5
Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date:	33.4
Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date:	\$1,793.08
Average Offering, compared to budget:	+\$380.20
Recent Ministries:	

Children's Fundraiser, UWF Fundraiser, Humane Society Visit, Mother's Day, Memorial Picnic / Shriner's Hospital Talk, Worship Concert w/ Sam Waltemyer, St Jude offering, July 4th Float decoration and parade, ice cream and games, St Jude run, VBS, Helping Hands, Bicycle collection, Spero Family Services donations

## Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Noisy Offering for Midwest Mission	10/5-12/28
Bicycles to MMDC	See Katie S.
Charge Conference	10/5
CROP Walk	10/5
Trunk or Treat	1-3pm 10/26
All Saint's Day	11/2

## October Birthdays

Kathy Biehl, Bob Sherman, Presley Slocum, Randy Clark,  
Rob Adams, Tony Sherman, Adalynn Barnes,  
Lisa Heiken, Noah Arbuckle

**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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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)).