

TUESDAY

5 Days Until Resurrection



Mt Vernon UMC

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

**207. Prepare the Way of the Lord.**

**Prepare the way of the Lord,**

**and all people will see the salvation of our God. (2x)**

OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

In you alone we put our hope,

**God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,**

**who gives all good things**

**seen and unseen.**

In you alone we put our hope,

**God the Son, Saviour and Redeemer,**

**who died for our sins**

**and rose again.**

In you alone we put our hope,

**God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,**

**who moves us to sing**

**“I Saw the Light!”**

**In you alone we put our hope.**

HYMN 

**314. In the Garden**

SCRIPTURE

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

PSALM

**Psalms 71:1-14**

NOISY OFFERING

HYMN 

**Methodist Pie**

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<sup>2</sup> written by John Birch, and posted on *Faith and Worship*  
<http://www.faithandworship.com> (adapted)

**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS  
LORD'S PRAYER - #895**

**RESPONSE** 🎵🎵

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

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

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**GOSPEL** John 12:23,34-36a

**HYMN** 🎵🎵 206. Walk as a Child of the Light

**SERMON**

**HYMN** 🎵🎵 I Saw the Light

**CONFESSION & PARDON - #205**

**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**

**SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE** 🎵🎵

**Methodist Pie**

### *Methodist Pie*

Went down to camp meeting just the other afternoon  
Just to hear 'em shout and sing  
For to tell each other how they love one another  
And to make the hallelujahs ring  
There was old Brother Daniel and Cousin Ebenezer  
Uncle Rufus and his sweet gal Sue  
Aunt Polly and Melinda and old Mother Bender  
Well I never seen a happier crew

Oh little children I believe (3x)  
I'm a Methodist till I die  
I'm a Methodist a Methodist 'tis my belief  
I'm a Methodist till I die  
Till old grim death comes a-knocking at the door  
I'm a Methodist till I die

Well they all go there just to have a big time  
And to eat their grub so sly  
Have applesauce butter and sugar in the gourd  
And a great big Methodist pie  
Well you ought to hear the ringing when they all get to singin'  
That good old bye and bye  
See Jimmy McGee in the top of a tree  
Saying how is this for high

Then they all join hands and dance around a ring  
Just a singin' all the while  
You'd think it was a cyclone coming through the air  
You could hear shout a half a mile  
Then a bell rings loud and the great big crowd  
Breaks ranks and up they fly  
While I took hold of the sugar in the gourd  
And I cleaned up the Methodist Pie

*I Saw the Light*

Song by Hank Williams

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light




Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Songwriters: Hank Williams Sr.

I Saw the Light lyrics © Sony/atv Acuff Rose Music

## Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Cunningham Children's Home) Today!  
Helping Hands Donation (    \$ ) 4/2  
Sign up as liturgist, acolyte, etc. Every Sunday!  
Blessing of Tractors (Hensley Township Bldng) 11am 3/18

## Holy Week

Maundy Thursday (BF Christian Church) 6pm 4/6  
Good Friday Worship (Mt Vernon) 7pm 4/7  
Saturday Outdoor Sunset Service (Mt Vernon) 7pm 4/8  
Easter Sunrise Service (Mt Vernon) 6am 4/9  
Easter Sunrise Service (Bellflower) 7am 4/9  
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Bellflower) 8am 4/9  
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Mt Vernon) 9am 4/9  
Worship (Bellflower) 9am 4/9  
Worship (Mt Vernon) 10:30 4/9

## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Hudson Barnes, Landon Heiken, Joe Barnes

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.

## Week 11 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Deut 3-4	Deut 5-7	Deut 8-10	Deut 11-13	Deut 14-16	Deut 17-20	Deut 21-23

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)).