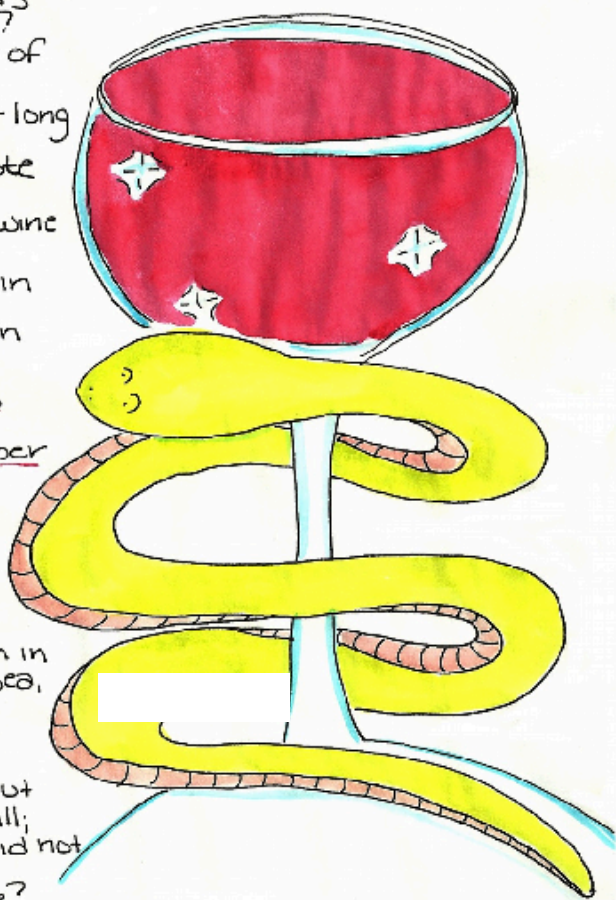


Proverbs 23

Who has woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions?
Who has complaining?
Who has wounds
without cause?
Who has redness of
eyes?
Those who linger long
Over wine,
Those who go to taste
mixed wine.
Do not look on the wine
when it is red,
When it sparkles in
the cup,
When it goes down
smoothly;
At the last it bites
like a serpent
And stings like a viper
Your eyes will see
strange things
And your mind will
utter perverse
things
And you will be like
One who lies down in
the middle of the sea,
Or like one who lies
down on top of a
mast.
"They struck me, but
I did not become ill;
They beat me but I did not
know it.
When shall I awake?
I will seek another drink."
v 29-35



[Doodle Through The Bible](#)

Mt Vernon UMC

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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, through whom we seek justice and righteousness, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

OPENING PRAYER

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 WORSHIP¹

Long ago a vineyard was planted.

The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

But the vines grew wild,

the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

What happened in that place of promise?

People forgot the One who planted the vineyard.

They chose their own ways and failed.

Let us again turn to the Lord,

who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

Let us open our hearts to God,

trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.

¹ from the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website.

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

HYMN **577. God of Grace and God of Glory**

PSALM 801. Psalm 80 (Response 1)

HYMN 211. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 5:1-7

The song of the vineyard

5:1

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

5:2

He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

5:3

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

5:4

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

5:5

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

5:6

I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

5:7

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

SERMON

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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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.
HOLY COMMUNION
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

SENDING FORTH
BENEDICTION
CANDLES 64. Holy, Holy, Holy! (v4)
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
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.

In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn.

		Sep 14	Prov. 25	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Aug 10	Prov. 22	Sep 14	Prov. 26	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Aug 31	Prov. 23	Oct 05	Prov. 27		
Sep 07	Prov. 24	Oct 12	Prov. 28		

Church Vitality
Average Sunday Attendance in July: 35.5
Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date: 33.2
Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date: \$1,888.07
Average Offering, compared to budget: +\$475.18

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~~

DRAFT

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Noisy Offering for Spero Family Services	7/6-9/28
Blessing of the Backpacks	Today!
Team Spirit	Today!
VBS (more info to come)	3-7pm Today!
Bicycles to MMDC	See Katie S.
Helping Hands Volunteering	8/16
GROP Walk (more info to come)	10/5

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.

You can view this week's bulletin at <https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyp>. If you use the electronic version, please let Pastor Rob know.



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

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).