



Mt Vernon UMC

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

GREETINGS

There will be several moments today during which you may testify to God's presence in your life. If the Holy Spirit urges you to share your testimony, please be faithful to that call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE¹ & CANDLES

Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP²

From Psalm 116

One: Come! Lift your voices to the Lord who always
hears us.

Many: Listen, Lord. Hear our voices sing your praises.

One: Call on the Lord who bends low to hear us.

Many: Listen, Lord. We lift our voices to you in praise.

One: Call on the name of the Lord, all people.

Many: Listen, Lord. We call on your wonderful name.

**For you saved us, you raised us and turned our lives
around. Let your name be praised in this
congregation.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

HYMN

617. I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord

139. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

¹ Tim Hughes; © Copyright 2001 Thankyou Music

² Written by Kwasi I. Kena, in The Africana Worship Book Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 61.

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS³

The psalmist says, “I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplication.” Using a few words or a phrase, how has God heard your voice and supplication?

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(after each testimony) **Gracious is the Lord,
and righteous; our God is merciful.**

Leader: The psalmist also says, “Because [God] inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.” Using a few words or a phrase, in what areas of your life do you need to call on God’s help today?

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(after each testimony) **Gracious is the Lord,
and righteous; our God is merciful.**

Merciful God, even as we remember how you have heard us in the past, we come to you again in our need, carrying burdens too large to bear. And yet, even in our need, we praise you. We praise you because we remember all you have done in the past and know that you will continue to love us and our community into flourishing. As we lay our burdens at your feet, transform the outpouring of our praise into love for all of our neighbors, so that we may grow more like you every day. **Amen.**

³ Adapted from Psalm 116 NRSVUE by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2022.

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE 🎵🎵

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

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

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

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.

HYMN 🎵🎵 #2268. As We Gather At Your Table

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.

POSTLUDE & CANDLES 🎵 - #2153

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)

SENDING FORTH

Go! Tell!
Tell one or two people what God has done for you.
Tell a group who you are and who you were.
Tell the world stories of Jesus, our Lord and Messiah!
Go! Tell!

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 upon you
and give you peace.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (St Jude Children's Hospital)

Today!

Helping Hands Donation (   \$)

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Sign up as liturgist, acolyte, etc.

Every Sunday!

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Blake Drollinger, Mark Jones, Tami Biehl

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 17 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Psalms 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87	1 Chronicles 3-5	Ps 73, 77-78	1 Chr 6-8	Ps 81, 88, 92-9 3	1 Chr 9-10	Ps 102-104

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!

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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).