



Mt Vernon UMC

July 27, 2025

Seventh 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, who teaches us to pray, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13 (MSG)

Our Father in heaven,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best --

As above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

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!

LORD'S PRAYER: Abba, Our God¹

**Abba, our God, whom the heavens disclose,
may your name be held holy,**

¹ The Lord's Prayer: Abba, Our God (inspired by Matthew 6: 9-13, Luke 11: 2-4),
from the 1980 *Alternative Service Book* (1980), Church of England.

your authority come.

**May your longing be fulfilled as in heaven,
so on earth**

**Give us today the bread of tomorrow,
and cancel our debts**

as we have already forgiven our debtors.

Do not draw us in to sinful enticement,

but set us free from the grip of evil;

for authority and power and glory

are yours alone, forever.

Amen.

HYMN 2271. Come! Come! Everybody Worship

HYMN

333. I'm Goin' a Sing

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches prayer

11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

11:2 so he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

11:3 Give us each day our daily bread.

11:4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

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11:9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

11:10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

HYMN

419. I Am Thine, O Lord

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LORD'S PRAYER PARAPHRASE Beloved²

**Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven,
hallowed be your name,
followed be your royal way,
done be your will and rule,
throughout the whole creation.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

Now and forever.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

PROVERBS

Proverbs 20, various

1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler,
and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

4 The lazy person does not plow in season;
harvest comes, and there is nothing to be found.

9 Who can say, "I have made my heart clean;
I am pure from my sin"?

17 Bread gained by deceit is sweet,

² *Human Rites: Worship Resources for an Age of Change*, by Hannah Ward and Jennifer Wild (Mowbray, 1998).

but afterward the mouth will be full of gravel.

19 A gossip reveals secrets;
therefore do not associate with a babbler.

22 Do not say, "I will repay evil";
wait for the Lord, and he will help you.

23 Differing weights are an abomination to the Lord,
and false scales are not good.

24 All our steps are ordered by the Lord;
how then can we understand our own ways?

27 The human spirit is the lamp of the Lord,
searching every inmost part.

29 The glory of youths is their strength,
but the beauty of the aged is their gray hair.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:6-15

Buried with Christ in baptism

2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
continue to walk in him,

2:7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

2:8 Watch out that no one takes you captive through
philosophy and empty deceit, according to human
tradition, according to the elemental principles of the
world, and not according to Christ.

2:9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

2:10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the
head of every ruler and authority.

- 2:11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual
circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in
the circumcision of Christ;
- 2:12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were
also raised with him through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.
- 2:13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive
together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,
- 2:14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal
demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.
- 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a
public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

SERMON

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

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.

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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| | | Aug 31 | Prov. 23 | Oct 05 | Prov. 27 |
| Jul 27 | Prov. 20 | Sep 07 | Prov. 24 | Oct 12 | Prov. 28 |
| Aug 03 | Prov. 21 | Sep 14 | Prov. 25 | Oct 19 | Prov. 29 |
| Aug 10 | Prov. 22 | Sep 14 | Prov. 26 | Oct 26 | Prov. 30 |

Church Vitality

Average Sunday Attendance in June: 33.8

Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date: 33.0

Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date: \$1,941.69

Average Offering, compared to budget: +\$528.81

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.

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

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| Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$ | Today! |
| Noisy Offering for Spero Family Services | 7/6-9/28 |
| UWF | 9am 8/10 |
| Blessing of the Backpacks | 10:30am 8/10 |
| Team Spirit | 10:30am 8/10 |
| VBS (more info to come) | 3-7pm 8/10 |
| Bicycles to MMDC | See Katie S. |
| Helping Hands Volunteering | 8/16 |
| CROP 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/4h8tzuyup>. 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!

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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).