

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES,  
HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END;  
THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING,  
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS.  
LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 (RSV)



Mt Vernon UMC

October 23, 2022

# GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; **you are the hope of the world.**

Give us strength, that we might serve you; **make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

**63. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord! (2x)**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;

**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.**

By your strength you established the mountains;  
**you are girded with might.**

You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.

**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds  
are awed by your signs;**

**You make the gateways  
of the morning and the evening  
shout for joy.**

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

## HYMN

526. What a Friend We Have in Jesus

## PSALM

Psalm 65 (UMH 789)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## 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.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

## SERMON

## HYMN

A Pharisee Was Praying

## CONFESSION & PARDON

Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin.**

**But you know us completely, O God.**

**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.**

**You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love.**

**Humbly, we thank you;**

**for no words can express our gratitude  
for the gift of your salvation. Amen.**

*[Water is poured into the font, visibly and audibly.]*

Sisters and brothers, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it: God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace.

Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**Glory to God. Amen.**

## OFFERING & PEACE

### DOXOLOGY

**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

**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.**

## CHARGE & BLESSING

Have courage;  
keep the faith;  
rely on the strength that comes from God.  
May the Creator nurture you,  
the Teacher walk with you,  
and the Spirit strengthen you,  
this day and forevermore.

POSTLUDE 

## Upcoming Ministry Opportunities




Quarter Tube for Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	Today!
IGRC Reorg listening session (virtual)	7pm 10/26
Trunk or Treat	4-6:30pm 10/29
IGRC Reorg listening session (in-person)	
	Champaign Faith UMC, 2pm 10/30
Helping Hands Donation	11/6
All Saints Day (send photos to Mary Kae)	11/6
Church Conference	
	Danville First UMC, 2:15-4:45pm, 11/12

## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Jeff Darling, Lisa Heiken, Christa Steeves, 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.

### Next Sunday:

-  Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144
-  2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
-  Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet; Amazing Grace

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](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).