

O GIVE THANKS TO THE LOTED, CALL ON HIS NAME, MAKE KNOWN HIS DEEDS AMONG THE PEOPLES.

SING TO HIM, SING PTZAISES TO HIM;

TELL OF ALL HIS WONDETZFUL WOTZKS.

GLOTZY IN HIS HOLY NAME;

LET THE HEATZTS OF THOSE

WHO SEEK THE LOTED TZEJOICE.

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Mt Vernon UMC

October 9, 2022

GREETINGS1 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES OPENING PRAYER²



We give praise to you, O God,

for you are awesome and amazing.

We remember your deeds and faithfulness deeds that have brought us to this day, faithfulness that has helped us weather life's storms.

We have gone through fire and water,

and stand before you today in gratitude and praise. How awesome are your deeds, O God! Amen.

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



63. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord! (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP³

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Where we need healing, make us whole!

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Where we are isolated and excluded, bring us near!

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Where we are chained, break our bonds!

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Where we are dying, bring us back to life!

HYMN



89. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 2036. Give Thanks

¹ Cover art by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com.

² Rebecca Gaudino, Ministry Matters, Worship Elements October 13, 2019, https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4265/worship-elements-october-13-

³ Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries

PSALM

790. Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790)

HYMN

2040. Awesome God

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

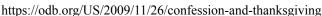
Luke 17:11-19

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON4

Gracious God, like many believers before us, we complain when things do not go our way. We want abundance of everything rather than what is sufficient to sustain us. We would rather be elsewhere than where we are at the moment. We would rather have the gifts You give to others than what You

⁴ David C. McCasland.

















provide for us. We would rather have You serve us than serve You. Forgive our lack of gratitude for what You give."

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95

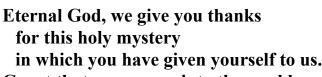


Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.



HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



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

Go forth in gratitude.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE



Questions for Reflection⁵

In both the reading from Jeremiah [Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7] and the reading from Luke [Luke 17:11–19], God is at work not only among the chosen people of Israel, but also among those considered enemies of Israel. God tells Israel to make its home among the Babylonians while in exile, seeking the welfare of the city to which they have been sent. Jesus heals a "double-outcast," a man who is a Samaritan and a leper. Is there someone in your own life whom you feel is an "enemy" to you—or someone you would rather not be associated with for some reason? Who are enemies in a larger sphere (national, political, or social)?

How can you "seek their welfare"? How may you, in faith, reach out to such a one?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of endings,

of packing up decisions of keeping and leaving of saying goodbye the practice of closing and tidying of moving the finality of distance between of newness, the lonely silence of emptiness.

Grant me

the strength to start over.

Amen.

⁵ Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2 © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press

Household Prayer: Evening

Generous God,

a day of worship

a day of rest

a day in community

a day to be blessed

a day for offering

a day for welcoming

a day of remembering

a day of reckoning—

this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Amen.

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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REJOICE ALWAYS, PTZAY WITHOUT CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CITZCUMSTANCES, FOTZ THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHTZIST JESUS FOTZ YOU.

[HESSALONIANS 5 (NRSV)