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Mt Vernon UMC

August 24, 2025

Eleventh 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, our Rock of Refuge, 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!

OPENING PRAYER¹

In you alone ...

we put our hope,

God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,

who gives all good things

seen and unseen.

In you alone ...

we put our hope,

God the Son, Saviour and Redeemer,

who died for our sins

and rose again.

In you alone ...

¹ ~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship.

<http://www.faithandworship.com>

**we put our hope,
God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,
who moves us to sing
“Our God reigns!”**

In you alone we put our hope.

Amen

HYMN

361. Rock of Ages

HYMN

102. Now Thank We All Our God

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A prophet to the nations

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

PSALM

794. Psalm 71:1-12

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:18-29

Coming to the city of the living God

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death."

Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."

This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals on the sabbath

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day."

But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?"

And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him

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

CONFESSION & PARDON²

**Almighty God,
You have set before us the path
but we have wandered on our own
to try to find our way.**

**Sometimes we are like toddlers
and we hear Your call and come back.**

**Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call
until fear finally makes us look back.**

**And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion,
demanding to be cut loose and set free,
not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.**

² Written by Rev Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution, <http://rev-o-lution.org/>.
Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/01/prayer-of-confession-walking-with-god.html>

**But most of all, too often, we think we are adults
and have figured it all out and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.**

**Remind us, parental God,
that we are always Your children,
that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,
that we always have much to learn.**

**Help us to seek You every day,
to acknowledge that we need
Your wisdom and guidance,
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.
In the name of Christ,
who is our companion on this journey of faith,
we pray. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader to people: 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!

People to leader:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:
Glory to God. Amen.

**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

BENEDICTION³

Go now in the blessing of God’s love that cannot be shaken, trusting in God’s promises as you work for a world of justice and mercy for all. **Amen.**

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All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.**

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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-07	Prov. 24	Oct-05	Prov. 27	Oct-19	Prov. 29
Sep-14	Prov. 25	Oct-12	Prov. 28	Oct-26	Prov. 30

³ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2025

Sep-21	Prov. 26				
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Church Vitality

~~Average Sunday Attendance in July: 35.5~~
~~Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date: 33.3~~
~~Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date: \$1,870.97~~
~~Average Offering, compared to budget: +\$458.09~~

~~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, VBS, Helping Hands~~

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$ ————— Today!
Noisy Offering for Spero Family Services ————— 7/6-9/28
Blessing of the Backpacks ————— Continues Today!
Bicycles to MMDG ————— See Katie S.
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).