



Mt Vernon UMC

July 13, 2025

Fifth 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 sure and certain hope, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

177. **He is Lord, He is Lord!**

He is risen from the dead and he is lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed?

God has planted seeds of hope among us.

We have heard of this hope!

Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.

Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God's good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.

We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

¹ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2025.

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!

HYMN 2271. Come! Come! Everybody Worship

HYMN 2282. I'll Fly Away

GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

HYMN Who Is My Neighbor?

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:1-14

SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

CONFESSION & PARDON²

Gracious and Merciful God, your love is steadfast, and your mercy endures forever.

Forgive us for not loving as you love.

² Written by Stacey Cole Wilson, *The Africana Worship Book*, Year C (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008), 150.

Forgive us for the ways and words we've used
to oppress your people and help us to forgive those
who've oppressed us.

**Forgive us for the deeds that we've done that have
burdened instead of uplifted the hearts and minds of
those we've encountered.**

Forgive us for silence during times of injustice and free us
to rise and advocate for those who live under the
leadership of unjust rulers, who live in a state of turmoil
and depression.

Help us to reconcile and make peace with one another.

Help us to bear one another's burdens and to be agents of
your liberating love so that all of your people will be
able to live justly.

**We confess our sins before you silently now, knowing
that you are willing and able to cleanse and revive us
through Christ's resurrecting power, in whose name
we pray.**

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.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

CANDLES

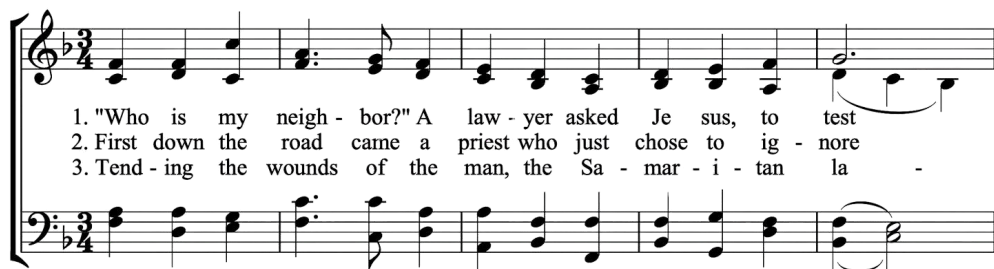
64. Holy, Holy, Holy! (v4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

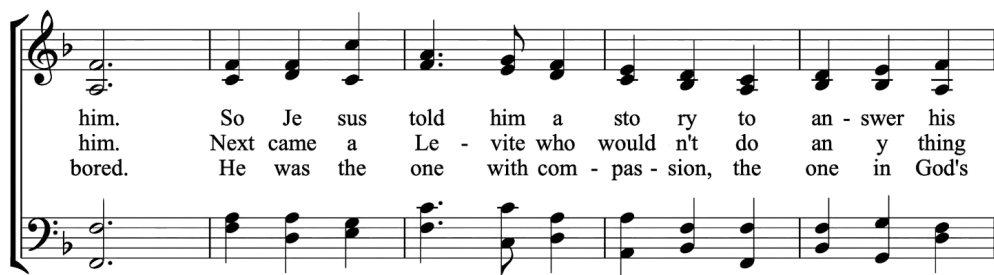
**All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

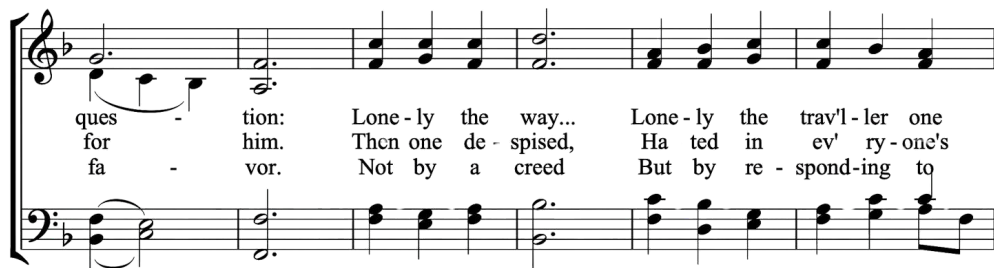
Who Is My Neighbor?



1. "Who is my neigh - bor?" A law - yer asked Je sus, to test
 2. First down the road came a priest who just chose to ig - nore
 3. Tend - ing the wounds of the man, the Sa - mar - i - tan la -



him. So Je sus told him a sto ry to an - swer his
 him. Next came a Le - vite who would n't do an y thing
 bored. He was the one with com - pas - sion, the one in God's



ques - tion: Lone - ly the way... Lone - ly the trav'l - ler one
 for him. Then one de - spised, Ha ted in ev' ry - one's
 fa - vor. Not by a creed But by re - spond - ing to



day... Rob - bers at - tacked him and left him.
 eyes, Knelt down to heal and re - store him.
 need, He proved to be the good neigh - bor.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2007 (Luke 10:25-37)

LOBE DEN HERREN

MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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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.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
Jan 26	Prov. 2	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
Feb 02	Prov. 3	May 11	Prov. 34	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

Church Vitality

Average Sunday Attendance in June:	33.8
Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date:	33.0
Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date:	\$1,917.08
Average Offering, compared to budget:	+\$504.20

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

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/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).