



Mt Vernon UMC

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

207. Prepare the Way of the Lord.

Prepare the way of the Lord,

and all people will see the salvation of our God. (2x)

OPENING PRAYER²

Christ our God,

your love is poured out in death for our sakes.

Hold us in your embrace

as we wait for Easter's dawn.

Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth,


not even death itself,

can separate us from your love;

and strengthen us to wait

until you are revealed to us

in all your risen glory. Amen.

HYMN  O Thou, Who through this holy week

Words: J. M. Neale

Tune: 269

O Thou, Who through this holy week

Didst suffer for us all;

The sick to heal, the lost to seek,

To raise up them that fall:

We cannot understand the woe

Thy love was pleased to bear:

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Consultation on Common Texts

O Lamb of God, we only know
That all our hopes are there.

Thy feet the path of suffering trod,
Thy hand the victory won:
What shall we render to our God
For all that He hath done?

To God, the blessèd Three in One,
All praise and glory be:
Crown, Lord, Thy servants who have won
The victory through Thee.

FIRST READING

Job 14:1-14

PSALM

764. Psalm 31:1-16

HYMN 

140. Great Is Thy Faithfulness

NOISY OFFERING

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.**

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:1-8

GOSPEL

John 19:38-42

HYMN

365. Grace Greater than Our Sin

SERMON

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

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.

SENDING FORTH

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

(the grace that forgives a multitude of sins)

and the love of God,

(our Rock and our Refuge)




and the communion of the Holy Spirit
(who causes us to live in God's will)
be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

Go in peace.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Cunningham Children’s Home) Today!
Helping Hands Donation (   \$) 4/2
Sign up as liturgist, acolyte, etc. Every Sunday!

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday (BF Christian Church) 6pm 4/6
Good Friday Worship (Mt Vernon) 7pm 4/7
Saturday Outdoor Sunset Service (Mt Vernon) 7pm 4/8
Easter Sunrise Service (Mt Vernon) 6am 4/9
Easter Sunrise Service (Bellflower) 7am 4/9
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Bellflower) 8am 4/9
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Mt Vernon) 9am 4/9
Worship (Bellflower) 9am 4/9
Worship (Mt Vernon) 10:30 4/9

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Cory Oye, Luke Sherman, Bill Kirby, Judy Brown, Scott Jones
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.

Reading Plan

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Joshua 13-15	Joshua 16-18	Joshua 19-21	Joshua 22-24	Judges 1-3	Judges 4-5	Judges 6-8

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).