

# PROVERBS II

When pride comes, then  
comes dishonor  
But with the humble  
is wisdom.  
The integrity of the upright  
will guide them,  
But the crookedness of the  
treacherous will destroy them



Where there is no guidance  
the people fail;  
But in a abundance of  
Counselors there is  
Victory

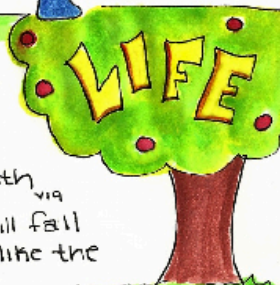


## DEATH

He who is steadfast in  
righteousness will  
attain to life,  
And he who pursues evil  
will bring about his own death

He who trusts in his riches will fall  
But the righteous will flourish like the  
green leaf

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,  
And he who is wise wins souls



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Mt Vernon UMC

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 6, 2025

# ENTRANCE

## GATHERING<sup>1</sup>

*Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.*

## GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ, who is always worthy of praise, is with us!

**Praise the Lord!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

## PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

2006. Lord, God, Almighty, Savior, redeemer,  
**only true God to be worshipped and praised.**

**How can we tell you how much we love you?**

**Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.**

## PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

**Creator God,**

**you prepare a new way in the wilderness  
and water the desert.**

**Help us to recognize your hand  
working miracles beyond our imagining.**

**Open our hearts to be transformed  
by the new thing you are doing,  
so that our lives may proclaim  
the extravagance of your love for all,  
and its presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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<sup>2</sup> Revised Common Lectionary Prayers © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts  
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HYMN                      2008. Let All Things Now Living  
SCRIPTURE                      Isaiah 43:16-21

*... so that they might declare my praise.*

HYMN                      2022. Great Is The Lord  
SCRIPTURE      PROVERBS 11 (NIV, excerpts)

- 1 The Lord detests dishonest scales,  
    but accurate weights find favor with him.  
3 The integrity of the upright guides them,  
    but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.  
24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
    another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.  
25 A generous person will prosper;  
    whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.  
30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,  
    and the one who is wise saves lives.  
31 If the righteous receive their due on earth,  
    how much more the ungodly and the sinner!

RESPONSE                      70. GLORIA PATRI

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

**and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

***PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE***

SCRIPTURE                      John 12:1-8

*... the fragrance of perfume.*

HYMN                      557. Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
MESSAGE                                      Joined In Heart

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***

GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17

THE LORD's PRAYER - #895

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

## ***SENDING FORTH***

BLESSING

CANDLES                      2006. Lord God, Almighty (v3)

**Father, we praise you.**

**Jesus, we love you.**

**Spirit, we thank you for the gifts of new life.**

**How can we tell you how much we love you?**

**Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.**

*Go into the world,  
the body of Christ redeemed by His blood,  
in the strength of the Holy Spirit,  
to praise the Father and love His people.*

## ***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. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

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|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| 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. 31 | 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**

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| Average Sunday Attendance in March:      | 33.2   |
| Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date: | 29.2   |
| Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date:   | \$1609 |
| Average Offering, compared to budget:    | +\$196 |
| Recent Ministries:                       |        |

Helping Hands, Ash Wednesday, Breakfast & Blessing of the Tractors, Pi Day w/ Lunch & Games, Zahnd funeral & meal, Smithson/Compton wedding, Spring Cleaning, Humane Society Noisy Offering

## Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

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| Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$        | Today!       |
| UMM Meeting                                    | 8am 4/13     |
| UWF Meeting                                    | 9am 4/13     |
| Palm Sunday Worship                            | 10:30am 4/13 |
| Maundy Thursday at Bellflower Christian Church | 6pm 4/17     |
| Good Friday Worship at Mt Vernon               | 7pm 4/18     |
| Easter Vigil                                   | 7:30pm 4/19  |
| Easter   | 4/20         |
| Sunrise Service                                | 5:30am       |
| Breakfast                                      | 9am          |
| Egg Hunt                                       | 9:45am       |
| Worship  | 10:30am      |

## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Scott Jones, Abby Bailen, Rob Dickinson

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**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.

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You can view this week's bulletin at <https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyyp>. If you use the electronic version, please let Pastor Rob know.



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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](https://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](tel:217-751-4400), [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).