



## Mt Vernon UMC

July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE<sup>2</sup> & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

**Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.**

**Here I am to say that You're my God.**

**You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,**

**Altogether wonderful to me (2x)**

PSALM

Psalm 13

MUSIC

Lord, I Hope This Day Is Good

*If the Holy Spirit moves you, and you know the words, you  
are welcome to sing along.*

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## PRAYER

## 481. The Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**and where there is sadness, joy.**

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;

**to be understood as to understand;**

**to be loved as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive;

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**Amen.**

## NOISY OFFERING

## TESTIMONIES and BLESSINGS

*If you are able to testify to God's love in either St Jude's or  
Helping Hands, or tell a story of God's Spirit moving  
through them, please do so.*

## HYMN

## 696. America the Beautiful

## CHILDREN'S 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.**

# SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:40-42

## HYMN

434. When the Poor Ones

## SERMON

## RESPONSE

2241. The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve

## 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

## SENDING FORTH<sup>3</sup>

May God keep you safe

May your bellies be full

May your thirst be quenched

May your hearts be blessed

With knowing you are loved

And may you share that love

With all who come your way

## POSTLUDE

**I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)**

**I'm gonna work ...**




**I'm gonna pray ...**

**I'm gonna sing ...**

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<sup>3</sup> From *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World*, ed. Cláudio Carvalhaes (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020), 57.

# Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (St Jude Children's Hospital)	Today!
Helping Hands Donation (    \$ )	Today!
Ice Cream Social	Today!
SPPRC meeting	6:30pm 7/5
Church Council meeting	6pm 7/12
Team Colors Sunday	7/23

# Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sam McCall, Joe & Meredith Barnes

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.

## Week 27 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Kings 5-8	2 Kings 9-11	2 Kings 12-13 2 Chron 24	2 Kings 14 2 Chron 25	Jonah 1-4	2 Kings 15 2 Chron 26	Isaiah 1-4

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, [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).