

Proverbs 22

A good name
is to be more
desired than
great wealth,
Favor is better
than Silver and
GOLD.

The rich and the
poor have a common
bond.

The LORD is the
maker of them
all.

v 1-2



Incline your ear and
hear the words of the
wise. And apply your
mind to my knowledge;
For it will be pleasant
to hear them
within you, that
they may be ready
on your lips.

v 17-19

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Mt Vernon UMC

August 10, 2025

Ninth 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, the perfecter of our faith, 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!

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God's salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

By faith, we follow God's call

as we journey toward a better country.

By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God's love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

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as we journey toward a better country.

¹ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.

By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God's desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

**By faith, we follow God's call
as we journey toward a better country.**

By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.

By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God's already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.

HYMN

361. Rock of Ages

HYMN 3110. By Grace We Have Been Saved

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham's faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The faith of the Hebrew people

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God

SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

HYMN

707. Hymn of Promise

LORD'S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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

BENEDICTION

CANDLES

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All thy works shall praise thy name,

in earth and sky and sea.

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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.

		Sep 14	Prov. 25	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Aug 10	Prov. 22	Sep 14	Prov. 26	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Aug 31	Prov. 23	Oct 05	Prov. 27		
Sep 07	Prov. 24	Oct 12	Prov. 28		

Church Vitality

Average Sunday Attendance in July: 35.5

Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date: 33.2

Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date: \$1,888.07

Average Offering, compared to budget: +\$475.18

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

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Noisy Offering for Spero Family Services	7/6-9/28
Blessing of the Backpacks	Today!
Team Spirit	Today!
VBS (more info to come)	3-7pm Today!
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.

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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!

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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).