



Mt Vernon UMC

August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER



Oh God, we sing aloud to you.

May your joy in hearing our song become our joy in singing.

We pray aloud to you.

May your promise in hearing our prayer become our faith in praying.

We come together to glorify you.

May your love for each of us become our love for each other, for our neighbor, and for the stranger. Amen.

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



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. (*repeat*)

OPENING HYMN



140. Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PSALM



Psalm 81:1-10 (UMH 803)

HYMN



144. This Is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

HYMN



When You Show Up at a Dinner

(tune: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

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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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON



Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON² - #12



**God of Life, we confess that we have gone after
worthless trinkets, often losing our own worth in our
materialistic desires.
Instead of claiming our true identity as Children of
God, we define ourselves by other titles.
We are more than our jobs, our families, our stuff, our
lack of stuff.
We are more than our hair, our size, our skin, or even
our age.
While these things inform who we are, they are not
what ultimately defines us.**

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You define us.

You are the God of Life, the true Living Water.

**Our own vessels can never quench the thirst we have
for your Living Water.**

**We try to drink from our own cisterns, cracked as they
are.**

**May we embrace what it means to partake of water
that lives and moves, not limiting ourselves to lives of
stagnancy like water in a jar.**

**God of Life, keep flowing around us, that we may float
in your Living Water!**

Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet
sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

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.

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go humble yourself before others, so that they would be
exalted to the glory of God.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

POSTLUDE



Questions for Reflection³

How does your experience of the culture prevent you from fully embracing the call to serve with humility? How can you seek out the stranger in your community? When have you realized that you were doing God's work, only after the fact?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, in the freshness of the new day,
help us to retain clarity of vision
so that we might seek the honor of your kingdom
rather than the honor of the world.
Sustain us throughout the day
so that we might return
filled by the grace of your spirit. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of compassion, help us to release the regrets of the day into your care. Refresh us in our sleep,
that we may rise in the morning confident in your love and strengthened in our faith. Amen.

Next Sunday:



Katie Stout will preach.



Wear your favorite team colors to church!

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, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).

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