



Mt. Vernon UMC

Champaign, IL

1874 - 2024

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Lord of All

Kimberly Smithson, Janet & Ted Robb

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In 1874 we said to each other:

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

But first we had to build it. Carefully, prayerfully, we planned, worked, and built.

In 1936 we said to each other:

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

But the flame lighting was dim and smoky. So we added electricity. In time we added a sound system, a projector and a TV.

In 1939, we said to each other:

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

But we needed more room for Sunday School and church suppers. So we raised the building and built a basement. In time we added a coal furnace and running water and restrooms and sump pumps.

In 1975 we said to each other:

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

But it was too hot to go! So we added air conditioning. In time we had modern efficiency HVAC with programmable thermostats.

In 1990 we said to each other,

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

So we built a narthex. In time we added an accessible restroom and a nursery.

In 2011 we said to each other:

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

So we replaced the siding and restored the steeple. People from miles away hear the bell and see the lights in the steeple windows.

Throughout the years we said to each other:

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

But there were floods, and winds, and hail, and bees.

There was rot and wear. There was a dry well. So we repaired, rebuilt, restored, and remodelled.

For 150 years, we have said to each other:

Let us go to the house of the Lord!

PSALM

845. Psalm 122

HYMN 

555. Forward Through The Ages

POEM

The Old Mt. Vernon Country Church

written by Marvin Lee Flessner

adjustments by Dan Sherman

read by Richard Rayburn

SPECIAL MUSIC

Old Country Church

Marvin Lee

HYMN 

2223. One In the Spirit

NOISY OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15¹

I remember your honest and true faith. It was alive first in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice. And I am certain that it is now alive in you also.

¹ New International Readers Version

But I want you to continue to follow what you have learned and are sure about. You know the people you learned it from. You have known the Holy Scriptures ever since you were a little child. They are able to teach you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me

Children's Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:19-25

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HYMN

545. The Church's One Foundation

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:4-9²

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.[a] 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Adams

Blessed is the one who plants a tree under whose shade they will never sit.

CONFESSION & PARDON³

Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness in guiding and providing for this church through the years, during times of celebration and challenge.

We ask for Your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not been faithful—in the past or in the present, as individuals and as a congregation—to Your Word and Your ways.

Forgive us for our sins and shortcomings.

Forgive us for not loving You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and for not loving our neighbors—and each other—as we ought.

Forgive us for missed opportunities to follow You with a greater commitment of trust and faithfulness to the priorities and purposes that You intend for us.

² New International Version

³ 150th Anniversary Bulletin, First Reformed Church, Sheboygan Falls. 2006.
<https://www.1streformed.org/f/072306.pdf>

**Give us a renewed desire for worshiping and serving
You, our Great and Faithful God. Amen.**

(silent prayer)

Leader: 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!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

SHARING 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.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17

LORD'S PRAYER

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

POSTLUDE

Ashokan Farewell

Katie Stout and Luke Sherman

BLESSING

Hold to the hope you profess, for God is faithful—God has carried Mt Vernon Methodist Church through 150 years and is not abandoning us now.

Draw near to God, cleansed by the blood of Jesus—who loves generation after generation after generation after generation of this congregation, even to the point of dying for us.

Share God's Spirit, by whose power this building rose from the ground, by whose grace it stands today, and by whose promise it will stand for another century, spurring one another toward love and good deeds.

And even as the Day of the Lord approaches, do not give up meeting together, but encourage each other, in Christ Jesus.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”, available at <https://tinyurl.com/539h9r7t>. With four short readings each day, by the end of the year, we will have read the entire Bible.



2024-08-11	2-Chronicles 20:18–31:10	Psalms 92:1–7	Proverbs 19:18–19	Romans 1:1–23
2024-08-12	2-Chronicles 31:11–33:13	Psalms 92:8–15	Proverbs 19:20–21	Romans 1:24–2:16
2024-08-13	2-Chronicles 33:14–35:15	Psalms 93:1–5	Proverbs 19:22–23	Romans 2:17–3:8
2024-08-14	2Ch 35:16– Ezra 1:11	Psalms 94:1–11	Proverbs 19:24–25	Romans 3:9–31
2024-08-15	Ezra 2:1–70	Psalms 94:12–23	Proverbs 19:26–27	Romans 4:1–28
2024-08-16	Ezra 3:1–5:17	Psalms 95:1–11	Proverbs 19:28–29	Romans 5:1–21
2024-08-17	Ezra 6:1–7:28	Psalms 96:1–9	Proverbs 20:1	Romans 6:1–23

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Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Praise Band Practice	Every Sunday 10am
Sesquicentennial Planning	Sunday after worship
Helping Hands Volunteers	8/17
History of Mt Vernon	7pm, 8/15
Open House, Music, Games	1-4pm, 8/17
Sesquicentennial Worship & Lunch	10:30am, 8/18
Sesquicentennial Program	1:00ish, 8/18

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Kathleen Wirth-Couch, Bob Biehl, Rachel Rebecca Berry,
Dave Weekhorst, Jan Darling, MJ Colon,
Jay & Tracy Bailen, Bill & Betty Kurth

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: