



*Mt. Vernon UMC*

Champaign, IL

1874 - 2024

*Aug 25, 2024*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## ENTRANCE

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING<sup>1</sup> 

**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)**

## *PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE*

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

Our souls long for your courts, O Lord of hosts;

**Happy are we who dwell in your house  
and are ever praising you!**

Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God;

**Happy are we who dwell in your house  
and are ever praising you!**

We have found a home in your presence, Our King and  
Our God;

**Happy are we who dwell in your house  
and are ever praising you!**

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<sup>1</sup> Tim Hughes. © 2000 Thankyou Music. CCLI 3266032 / 21891763

<sup>2</sup> excerpted from a longer prayer posted on the Oratio Contemplativa website.  
<http://oratiocontemplativa.wordpress.com/2013/06/15/prayers-for-proper-25-year-c-rcl-closest-to-october-26/>

Who is like our God, the One who strengthens his people,  
the One who reveals himself to all who seek after him?

**This is our God, the Holy One.**

Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the  
sacrifice of praise.

**Happy are we who dwell in God's house  
and are ever praising God!**

## HYMNS

710. Faith of Our Fathers

## PSALM

Psalm 84

## 150<sup>th</sup> TESTIMONY

## HYMN

328. Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

## NOISY OFFERING

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## LORD'S PRAYER

## RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,  
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:2a, 14-18

And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD,  
the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and  
his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the  
Euphrates and served other gods.

"Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in  
sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your

ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

## GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is

useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe."

For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

## MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Adams

<sup>3</sup> *"Do you want to  
leave me too?" Jesus asks.*

*He does not water down his words or change them.  
"Whoever eats my flesh will live forever."*

*Where would we go, Jesus?  
Who has life and words  
like yours?*

*If you can create a universe from nothing;  
if you can invent a wheat field,  
then we believe that you  
can come to us  
as bread.*

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<sup>3</sup> written by Anne Osdieck, and posted on Saint Louis University's The Center for Liturgy web site. <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

*Holy One of God,  
come nourish us, be with us and sustain us,  
or we will not have the strength.  
Our journey will be  
too hard.*

APOSTLES CREED

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*

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*

BLESSING

Choose this day whom you will serve. Will you serve the  
God who creates us, saves us, and gives us hope? Or  
will you serve the gods of this culture? Will you love

others, or will you love only yourself? The choice is yours.

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

Go in peace.

CANDLES

672. God Be With You, v1

**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.



2024-08-25	Nehemiah 11:20–12:47	Psalms 102:1–11	Proverbs 20:22–23	Romans 12:1–21
2024-08-26	Neh 13:1–Esther 1:22	Psalms 102:12–17	Proverbs 20:24–25	Romans 13:1–14:12
2024-08-27	Esther 2:1–4:17	Psalms 102:18–22	Proverbs 20:26–27	Romans 14:13–15:13
2024-08-28	Esther 5:1–7:10	Psalms 102:23–28	Proverbs 20:28–30	Romans 15:14–33
2024-08-29	Esther 8:1–10:3	Psalms 103:1–5	Proverbs 21:1–3	Romans 16:1–27
2024-08-30	Job 1:1–3:26	Psalms 103:6–14	Proverbs 21:4–5	1 Corinthians 1:1–19
2024-08-31	Job 4:1–6:10	Psalms 103:15–22	Proverbs 21:6–7	1 Corinthians 1:20–2:9

## Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Praise Band Practice	Every Sunday 10am
Cunningham Children's Home Speaker	9/8
<a href="https://www.midwestmission.org/blessing-bag-pack">https://www.midwestmission.org/blessing-bag-pack</a>	9/12,9/13
Salt & Light, various opportunities	Ongoing
Helping Hands Donation	9/1

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## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

MJ Colon, Erich Slocum  
Tom & Kristen Lalley

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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)).