



Mt. Vernon UMC

*Resurrection of the Lord
April 20, 2025*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:44-46,50-24:12

GREETINGS¹

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

L: Death has been swallowed in victory.

P: The grave has lost its sting.

L: Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen indeed!

All: And we are alive in Christ! Glory to God! Alleluia!

PROCESSION

302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43 (CSB)

34 Peter began to speak: “Now I truly understand that God doesn’t show favoritism, 35 but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 He sent the message to the Israelites, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

37 You know the events that took place throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John preached: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how he went about doing good and healing all who were under the tyranny of the devil, because God was with him.

¹ Cover Art: Artist unknown. <https://happyhomefairy.com/happy-easter/>

39 We ourselves are witnesses of everything he did in both the Judean country and in Jerusalem, and yet they killed him by hanging him on a tree. 40 God raised up this man on the third day and caused him to be seen, 41 not by all the people, but by us whom God appointed as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be the judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.”

APOSTLES' CREED - #35, ¶9

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

HYMN 🎵🎵

304. Easter People, Raise Your Voices

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS

*Using the pads and pens provided, bring your prayers to
Jesus' cross. Fold them and hang them on the strings.*

RESPONSE 🎵🎵

**Hear our prayer, O LORD,
hear our prayer, O LORD;
incline thine ear to us,
and grant us thy peace.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

**Easter Hallelujah
Kate Stout**

You are invited to sing the refrain.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18 (CSB)

20:1 On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she went running to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, "They've taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him!"

3 At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the

other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. 5 Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then, following him, Simon Peter also came. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. 7 The wrapping that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself. 8 The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then also went in, saw, and believed. 9 For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

11 But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 She saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus's body had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"Because they've taken away my Lord," she told them, "and I don't know where they've put him."

14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus. 15 "Woman," Jesus said to her, "why are you crying? Who is it that you're seeking?"

Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you've carried him away, tell me where you've put him, and I will take him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

Turning around, she said to him in Aramaic,

"Rabboni!"—which means "Teacher."

17 "Don't cling to me," Jesus told her, "since I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
“I have seen the Lord!” And she told them what he had
said to her.

SERMON

HYMN 🎵

3089. O Living God

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

INVITATION - #12

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING 🎵 - #17

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING (Jude 24-25)

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless
before the presence of his glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE 🎵

657. This Is The Day

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. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

Jan-19	Prov. 1	Apr-27	Prov. 12	Aug-03	Prov. 21
Jan-26	Prov. 2	May-04	Prov. 13	Aug-10	Prov. 22
Feb-02	Prov. 3	May-11	Prov. 31	Aug-31	Prov. 23
Feb-16	Prov. 4	May-18	Prov. 14	Sep-07	Prov. 24
Feb-23	Prov. 5	Jun-08	Prov. 15	Sep-14	Prov. 25
Mar-02	Prov. 6	Jun-15	Prov. 16	Sep-14	Prov. 26
Mar-09	Prov. 7	Jun-22	Prov. 17	Oct-05	Prov. 27
Mar-23	Prov. 8	Jun-29	Prov. 18	Oct-12	Prov. 28
Mar-25	Prov. 9	Jul-20	Prov. 19	Oct-19	Prov. 29
Mar-30	Prov. 10	Jul-27	Prov. 20	Oct-26	Prov. 30
Apr-06	Prov. 11				

Church Vitality

Average Sunday Attendance in March:	33.2
Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date:	30.2
Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date:	\$2,290
Average Offering, compared to budget:	+\$878/wk
Recent Ministries:	

Helping Hands, Pi Day w/ Lunch & Games, Zahnd funeral & meal, Smithson/Compton wedding, Spring Cleaning, Humane Society Noisy Offering, Easter Breakfast, Egg Hunt, 5 Holy Week / Easter services.

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$

Humane Society visit

Today!

4/27

Thank you for bringing Easter Lillies!

Oye, Bailen, Heiken in memory of their Mom, Judy Cameron

Slocum Family in memory of Dad and Joe Peterson

Bob Sherman in memory of Ginny Sherman and Edie Sherman

Jones Family in memory of mom, Joyce Kerkstra

Gingi and Katie Stout in memory of

Phyllis, Frank, and Frank Jr. Stout

Bill & Betty Kurth in memory of Blain & Heather Kurth

Nick & Natalie Free in memory of Gale Free & Shirley Pawson

Richard Rayburn in memory of all family who preceded him

Bob & Kathy Biehl in memory of mother, Mary Cathey

Bob & Kathy Biehl in memory of

father, Robert Biehl and brother, John Biehl

Dan Sherman Family in memory of Charles & Wilma Sherman

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Rob Dickinson, Blake Drollinger, Mark Jones, Tami Biehl,

Rich & Amie Pankau, Barry Couch & Kathy Wirth-Couch,

Randy & Laurie Clark

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*.



You can view this week's bulletin at

<https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyy>.

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

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).