



## Mt Vernon UMC

September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER



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. (2x)**

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;  
God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us  
and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

**let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence  
forever; let us worship God together.**

HYMN



369. Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

SCRIPTURE LESSON



Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

9/11 REMEMBRANCE

HYMN



133. Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



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<sup>2</sup> Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website.

<http://presbyterian.ca/worship/> Reposted:

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/call-to-worship-luke-15-1-10.html>.

## 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



Luke 15:1-10

## HYMN



348. Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

## SERMON

## CONFESSION & PARDON - #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



## 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<sup>3</sup>

May we who have been found by the grace and  
overwhelming love of God, now become those who seek  
with grace and joy. Go into your world with open eyes  
and longing hearts. And may the peace of God resonate  
in every invitation and every welcome. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE



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<sup>3</sup> Derek C. Weber, February 2022

## *Questions for Reflection*<sup>4</sup>

How are you a lost sheep, in need of someone to come and search for you? How are you a religious leader, grumbling at the community's disintegrating standards? How are you called to engage in the search for others who live in isolation from God and community?

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

Persistent God,  
as the day begins and the light increases,  
let me drink deeply of your grace.  
As the day unfolds, when my heart strays from you,  
call me back to this moment.  
Come after me as surely as a woman searches for  
treasure lost.  
If I am deaf and satisfied, if I resent the needs of  
others, blow strong against me.  
Do not leave me in my foolishness—for I would  
have your mercy flow from me:  
I would be a refuge for those who wander;  
I would lend my heart to celebrations;  
I would speak your name. Amen.

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## *Household Prayer: Evening*

Patient, persistent God,

I offer the day-that-has-been to you, knowing that I was not alone, even when I wandered and filled my heart with noise.

*[silent prayer]*

As darkness falls, as I yield to sleep, seek me again in my dreams.

Call to me in ways beyond my knowing that I might find the strength to feed your people, that I might live, again, to call your name, that I might know the joy of every stranger headed home.

For the mercy of the Christ will sustain me and the power of the Spirit send me forth. Amen.

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](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, [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).