

HAPPY

The
gift
of
God
is

E

ternal

life in Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Romans 6:23

I am the
Living One:
I was dead,
and behold
I am

A

live forever and
ever!

Revelation 1:18

The Father
has sent His
Son to be
the

S

avior of the
World.

1 John 4:34

I am
the
Way and
the

T

ruth and the Life.

John 14:6

God
has
given
us

E

ternal life, and this life
is in His Son.

1 John 5:11

Remember
Jesus
Christ

R

aised from the
dead.

2 Timothy 2:8

Mt Vernon UMC

March 31, 2024

Resurrection of the Lord

ENTRANCE

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

↑²PROCESSION

302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43³

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

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² ↑ == Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

³ Christian Standard Bible

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.

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.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kimberly Smithson

How Can I Keep From Singing

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

RESPONSE 🎵🎵

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kate Stout

Easter Hallelujah

↑SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31⁴

20 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

⁴ Christian Standard Bible

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.

↑HYMN 🎵🎵

3089. O Living God

SERMON

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”. With four short readings each day, by the end of the year, we will have read the entire Bible.



2024-03-31	Numbers 27:1–28:31	Psalms 37:21–26	Proverbs 9:1–2	Luke 2:1–20
2024-04-01	Numbers 29:1–30:16	Psalms 37:27–33	Proverbs 9:3–6	Luke 2:21–38
2024-04-02	Numbers 31:1–54	Psalms 37:34–40	Proverbs 9:7–9	Luke 2:39–52
2024-04-03	Numbers 32:1–42	Psalms 38:1–8	Proverbs 9:10–12	Luke 3:1–20
2024-04-04	Numbers 33:1–56	Psalms 38:9–14	Proverbs 9:13–15	Luke 3:21–38
2024-04-05	Numbers 34:1–35:34	Psalms 38:15–22	Proverbs 9:16–18	Luke 4:1–21
2024-04-06	Numbers 36:1– Deuteronomy 1:46	Psalms 39:1–6	Proverbs 10:1–2	Luke 4:22–44

Upcoming Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Feeding Our Kids)	Last Chance! Today!
Helping Hands Donation	4/7
Zoom and Prayer (ask Rob for link)	8pm, Tuesdays
Dinner and Bible	6:30pm, Thursdays

From feedingourkids.org :

We provide nourishing food to food insecure school children on weekends and school holidays throughout the school year. How we execute that mission takes many hands and a great deal of generosity.

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.

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).