



## Mt Vernon UMC

November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday

**GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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<sup>1</sup> Covert Art: "The Communion of the Saints, for All Saints" by Ira Thomas / [www.catholicworldart.com](http://www.catholicworldart.com). Courtesy Ira Thomas.

## *The Church As It Was*

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

**Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

**Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

**Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

**May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.**

↑<sup>3</sup>HYMN 

For All the Saints

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Faith of Our Fathers

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<sup>2</sup> Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

<sup>3</sup> ☐ Please stand as you are able.

SCRIPTURE  
LIGHTING of CANDLES

Revelation 7:9-17

*The Church As It Is*

PSALM

769. Psalm 34

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1-3

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>4</sup> - #12

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

**Beloved God,**

**who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us.**

**We do not always love as you would have us love.**

**We do not always do as you would have us do.**

**In our stubbornness,**

**we turn from you**

**when we should turn toward you.**

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<sup>4</sup> Rev. Lucas Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink.

<https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/> Adapted.

**Hold us, dear One –  
comfort us when we mourn  
the passing of friends and family.**

**Help us to know  
that they are rejoicing  
in your presence.**

**We praise you for the grace you shower on us,  
constantly forgiving our errors,  
especially the ones that we don't share  
with any but you.**

**Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.**

*A time of silence*

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did!

Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, brings God's grace to all people in all times.

Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love!

*Leader to people:* In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

*All:* **Glory to God. Amen.**

**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.**

*The Church As It Will Be*

↑SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

*The Church In All Times and Places*

GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17 🎵🎵

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE 🎵🎵

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

**and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH<sup>5</sup>

Beloved, receive this good news: you are children of God, united as family with the saints of every tribe, nation, language, and generation. Go forth now in the company of the multitude who have put on the life of the Lamb that you may love and live after the imitation of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

POSTLUDE 🎵🎵

When the Saints Go Marching In

Go in peace.

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<sup>5</sup> Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Canteen Run)	Today!
Thanksgiving Potluck - following worship	11/19
Helping Hands Donation	12/3

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Tom Lalley, Rod Cameron, Jane Lalley, Zea Arbuckle,  
James Sherman, Allison Slocum, Katie Sherman  
Nick & Natalie Free

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.

Week 45 Reading Plan:

Mon	Mark 13	Fri	Luke 22 John 13
Tue	Matthew 24		
Wed	Matthew 25	Sat	John 14-17
Thu	Matthew 26 Mark 14	Sun	Matthew 27 Mark 15

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)).