

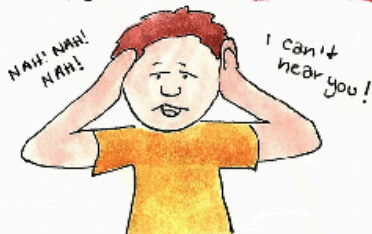
Proverbs 13



blameless

Righteousness guards
the one whose way
is blameless.
But wickedness subverts
the sinner v6

A wise son accepts
his father's discipline



But a **SCOFFER**
does not listen
to rebuke v1



Hope deferred
makes the heart
sick, v11



But desire fulfilled
is a tree of life
v12



Adversity pursues sinner,
But the righteous will be
rewarded with prosperity v21



Doodle Through The Bible

Mt Vernon UMC

Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2025

ENTRANCE

GATHERING¹

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

GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, whose inheritance we share, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

177. **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.

LITANY

Every Day is Easter²

When Thomas touched the wounds
and set himself free
it was Easter day.

When Peter's three "yes's" to Jesus
finished his three denials
it was Easter day.

When Mary ready to embalm the dead
ran in fear from the empty tomb
it was Easter day.

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² Roddy Hamilton. *Mucky Paws*.

<http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>

When the disciples looked from afar
at a breakfast of fish on the beach
it was Easter day.

When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome
and the breaking of bread with strangers
it was Easter day.

When Paul was blinded by the light
and recognised the voice niggling in his head
it was Easter day.

When the hungry are fed at the table
the same table as the rich
it is Easter day.

When weapons are beaten to ploughshares
and peace is a word to be shouted
it is Easter day.

When the stranger is welcomed in community
and the lonely are restored to relationship
it is Easter day.

Today we celebrate Jesus' sacrifice.
Today we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.
Today we celebrate Jesus' coming return.
Today is Easter day.

HYMN

307. Christ Is Risen

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-6

"Who are you, Lord?"

9:1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

9:2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

9:3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

9:4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

9:5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

9:6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

HYMN

3104. Amazing Grace

PSALM

762. Psalm 30

RESPONSE

70. GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE PROVERBS 13:1,14-16,22 (NIV)

1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction,
but a mocker does not respond to rebukes.

14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life,
turning a person from the snares of death.

15 Good judgment wins favor,
but the way of the unfaithful leads to their destruction.

16 All who are prudent act with knowledge,
but fools expose their folly.

22 A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's
children,
but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

SCRIPTURE John 21:1-19 (NRSV)

"Feed my sheep".

21:1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the
disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself
in this way.

21:2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas
called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons
of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They
said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and
got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

21:4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

21:5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."

21:6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

21:7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea.

21:8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

21:9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

21:10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

21:11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

21:13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish.

21:14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

21:15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

21:16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

21:18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

21:19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me.

MESSAGE

Inheritance

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 CONFESSION³

Lord, save us from ourselves.

**We continue to do the same things over and over,
expecting different results.**

Lord, save us from doing too much.

**We go fishing every day,
not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.**

Lord, save us from doing too little.

**We say we love you,
and yet so often we neglect your sheep.**

Lord, save us from ourselves.

**Help us to hear and respond when you say,
"Follow Me."**

ASSURANCE

Hear the good news:

Christ loved Saul while he persecuted Christians;
Christ loved Peter when he denied Christ;
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

[To the people] In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

[To the leader] **In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.**

³ Rev. Nathan Decker. <http://www.gbod.org/>. (inspired by John 21: 1-19)

[To God] **Glory to God. Amen.**

PEACE

Receive and share the love and care of your neighbor.

GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17

THE LORD's PRAYER - #895

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

CANDLES

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*Go into the world,
the body of Christ redeemed by His blood,
in the strength of the Holy Spirit,
to praise the Father and love His people.*

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: 29.2

Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date: \$1609

Average Offering, compared to budget: +\$196

Recent Ministries:

Helping Hands, Ash Wednesday, Breakfast & Blessing of the Tractors, Pi Day w/ Lunch & Games, Zahnd funeral & meal, Smithson/Compton wedding, Spring Cleaning, Humane Society Noisy Offering

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
UMM Meeting	8am 4/13
UWF Meeting	9am 4/13
Palm Sunday Worship	10:30am 4/13
Maundy Thursday at Bellflower Christian Church	6pm 4/17
Good Friday Worship at Mt Vernon	7pm 4/18
Easter Vigil	7:30pm 4/19
Easter	4/20
— Sunrise Service	5:30am
— Breakfast	9am
— Egg Hunt	9:45am
— Worship	10:30am

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Scott Jones, Abby Bailen, Rob Dickinson

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.

You can view this week's bulletin at <https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyp>. If you use the electronic version, please let Pastor Rob know.



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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!.
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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](tel:217-751-4400); pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).