



Mt. Vernon UMC
Champaign, IL
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Sep 15, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

Part of the Family

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

PSALM

818. Psalm 98:1-6

Refrain 🎵:

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus.

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and holy arm
have gotten the victory.

**The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the
nations.**

The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Refrain 🎵:

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!

Final Refrain 🎵:

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus, Because he first loved me..

HYMN 🎵

Oh, How I Love Jesus

PRAYER OF INVOCATION¹

O Living God of past and future,
we praise you for this present moment.
Fill us with your joy
and empower us with your Holy Spirit,
that our strength may be renewed
to sing a new song of your glory
in a world which longs for your justice and peace.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus,
in whom we become your new creation.

HYMN 🎵

Peace Like A River

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE 🎵

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

¹ from All Things New, written by Rev. Susan A. Blain and Rev. Scott Ressman.
Posted on the United Church of Christ website.
<http://www.ucc.org/50/pdfs/worship-resources.pdf>

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

1:18

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1:19

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

1:20

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1:21

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.

1:22

For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

1:23

but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,

1:24

but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

3:13

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

3:14

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

3:15

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes in him may not perish but
may have eternal life.

3:17

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to
condemn the world but in order that the world might be
saved through him.

MESSAGE

HYMN 

Old Rugged Cross

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

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

~~God said “Let there be light”. See the light.~~

~~Jesus is the light of the world. Receive the light.~~

~~God’s Holy Spirit fills you with light. Share the light.~~

~~The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.
Go in peace.~~

CANDLES 

672. God Be With You, v1

Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”, available at <https://tinyurl.com/539h9r7t>. With four short readings each day, by the end of the year, we will have read the entire Bible.



2024-09-08	Job 22:1–24:12	Psalm 105:16–27	Proverbs 21:25–26	1 Corinthians 9:13–10:5
2024-09-09	Job 24:13–27:23	Psalm 105:28–36	Proverbs 21:27–28	1 Corinthians 10:6–24
2024-09-10	Job 28:1–30:8	Psalm 105:37–45	Proverbs 21:29–31	1 Corinthians 10:25–11:16
2024-09-11	Job 30:9–31:40	Psalm 106:1–12	Proverbs 22:1–2	1 Corinthians 11:17–34
2024-09-12	Job 32:1–33:33	Psalm 106:13–23	Proverbs 22:3–4	1 Corinthians 12:1–20
2024-09-13	Job 34:1–35:16	Psalm 106:24–31	Proverbs 22:5–6	1 Corinthians 12:21–13:13
2024-09-14	Job 36:1–37:24	Psalm 106:32–39	Proverbs 22:7–8	1 Corinthians 14:1–25

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Praise Band Practice	Every Sunday 10am
Gunningham Children's Home Speaker	9/8
https://www.midwestmission.org/blessing-bag-pack	9/12, 9/13
Salt & Light, various opportunities	Ongoing
Helping Hands Donation	10/6
World Communion Day & Crop Walk	10/6

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Makenna Barnes, Ruth Zahnd, Diane Adams, Katie Colon,
Rob & Diane Adams

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:

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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).