



# Mt Vernon UMC

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

Come and learn the ways of life.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who  
persecute you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Come and learn the ways of life.

PSALM - Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

 HYMNS

**Freely, Freely 389**

**The Gift of Love 408**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

 DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

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<sup>1</sup> Cover art by John Stuart, [www.stushieart.com](http://www.stushieart.com).

<sup>2</sup> B.J. Beu. *WORSHIP ELEMENTS: FEBRUARY 20, 2022*. Ministry Matters.  
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/9488/worship-elements-february-24-2019>

**Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

**NT READING - 1 Timothy 3:14-16**

**GOSPEL - Luke 6:27-38**

**SERMON**

**CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>3</sup>**

**Teacher of hard truths,  
it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who  
prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways;  
it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek  
will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by  
the unjust systems stacked against them.**

**We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the  
prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your  
realm here on earth.**

**We yearn for the day when all people will treat one  
another as they wish to be treated.**

**Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is  
difficult, that your love might shine like the sun  
through our lives and our ministries. Amen.**

**When we treat others as we would have them treat us,  
Jesus calls us beloved children of the Most High.**

**If God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, how much  
more will God be kind to those who love the Lord and  
seek to live the Golden Rule?**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

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**Glory to God. Amen.**

**OFFERING & PEACE**

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<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

# HOLY COMMUNION

🎵 HYMN - Family of God

## BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>

Go with God's blessings.

**As followers of Jesus,  
we will love our enemies  
and do good to those who hate us.**

Go with God's blessings.

**As followers of Jesus,  
we will bless those who curse us  
and pray for those who persecute us.**

Go with God's blessings.

**As followers of Jesus, we will do unto others  
as we would have them do unto us.**

Go with God's blessings.

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)).

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid.