



Mt Vernon UMC

July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES  
OPENING PRAYER  
PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love  
Our God is an awesome God

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to  
worship God.

**May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this  
land.**

We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

**May God continue to bless our country and all the  
countries in the world.**

We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all  
peoples on the earth.

**May God continue to establish peace on earth and help  
us understand that it begins in our hearts.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER<sup>3</sup>

God of Liberation,

We are gathered to meet with you this morning. Open our  
hearts to the many ways you will speak to us. As you did  
with the prophets, you call us out of our everyday lives  
to share your message of love and grace. Challenge us

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<sup>2</sup> <http://desperatepreacher.com/services/july4th.htm>

<sup>3</sup> KATIE MINNIS, Discipleship Ministries

today to look within ourselves so that we may be your disciples.

**Amen.**

## HYMN



697 My Country, Tis of Thee  
519 Lift Every Voice and Sing  
717 Battle Hymn of the Republic.

## PSALM



Psalm 30

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



## LORD'S PRAYER - #895



## SCRIPTURE LESSON



2 Kings 5:1-14

## SERMON

## HYMN



139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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



**God of Grace and Glory,**

**We confess that we lose sight of our identities, finding  
our worth in our status, our demographic, or even  
our location.**

**Forgive us of our idolatry.**

**Forgive us for placing our worldly identities above  
your love for us.**

**Forgive us for when we get distracted by elaborate  
rituals, holding ourselves superior, simply due to our  
place of birth.**

**You, O God, are the source of our identity.**

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**You, O God, call us to love our neighbor.**

**You, O God, challenge us to learn from one another.**

**You, O God, tell us to be different!**

**May we swim in your healing waters, resting in the fullness of being children of God. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

**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.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17



### HOLY COMMUNION



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



### CHARGE & BLESSING

Go in peace.

### POSTLUDE



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](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).