



Mt Vernon UMC

May 21, 2023

Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS¹

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

We come ready to receive what God has to give.

Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples.

We receive the gift of the Spirit's power and imagination.

Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples.

We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.

As the life-giving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ. Amen.

HYMN 2182. Eternal Father Strong To Save MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

HYMN

3104. Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

PSALM

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

HYMN

393. Spirit of the Living God

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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² Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, November 2022.

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.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

SERMON: *Pentecost*

HYMN

347. Spirit Song

CONFESSION & PARDON³

Almighty God,

who sent the promised Holy Spirit
to fill disciples with willing faith:

We confess

that we resist the work of your Spirit among us,
that we are slow to serve you
and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.

God, have mercy on us.

Forgive our divisions

and by your Spirit draw us together.

Create in us a desire to do your will

and be your faithful people

for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY - #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

³ Scott Aniol, "Prayer of Confession on Pentecost Sunday," Artistic Theologian (June 9, 2019),

<https://artistictheologian.com/2019/06/09/prayer-of-confession-on-pentecost-sunday>.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
SENDING FORTH
HYMN 🎵🎵

404. Every Time I Feel the Spirit
BENEDICTION

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (St Jude Children’s Hospital)
Helping Hands Donation (🧴🍲👤💰)
Church Picnic
Graduation Sunday

Today!
Today!
Today!
TBD, 6/4?

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries
Kristen Lalley, Richard & Kay Rayburn

Week 21 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Kings 1-2	Psalm 119:1-88	1 King 3-4	Psalm 119:89-176	Song of Solomon 1-8	Proverb s 1-3	Proverb s 4-6
Psalms 37,71,94		2 Chron 1				
		Psalm 72				

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

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).