

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church
Where All the People are Ministers of Christ



**Early in the morning
he came walking toward
them on the sea**

Matthew 14.25

***Our vision is to seek to live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
to nurture persons of all ages and circumstances for faithful
discipleship, and to transform faith into service to others.***

Pastor Mi Sook Ahn

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Welcome to our worship service! Mt. Vernon has been worshipping our Lord and serving the Greater Williamsburg Community since 1887. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

Music: Carol Kendall

Worship Leader: Al Glindemann

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Greeting: Grace and Peace to you from God and the Lord Jesus Christ

Announcements

Passing the Peace:

Greetings: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Introit: "He Is Lord" (UMH #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.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus walks to us over the water.

People: "Call to us, Lord. We long to be with you."

Leader: Jesus calls to us, "Come! Do not be afraid."

People: Save us, Lord, we're sinking!"

Leader: Jesus saves us from our fears. God delivers us from the storm.

People: Thanks be to God!

Invocation:

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

Hymn of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (UMH #64)

¹. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

². Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we listen for you in wind, earthquake, and fire. Unexpectedly, you speak in the sound of silence. We pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you will silence in us all the storms, doubts, and fears that overwhelm so that we may hear what you have to say. Your still small voice. Thin. Quiet. Yet compelling, commanding, all the same. We ask it in the name of Christ. Amen

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Message:

“In the Storm”

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Hymn of Meditation: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (UMH #430)

^{1.} O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

^{4.} In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Prayer Request: Please leave your prayer request on the chat, email, or text to the church office. We will pray together.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Benediction:

May the Lord keep you and bless you.

May the Lord make his face shown upon you and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

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Missions and Ministry

- Information for Kits for Conference: The Annual Conference will be held virtually this year on September 19. *Local churches are encouraged to continue the collection of Kits for Conference. Specific collection details are underway, but will very likely include the organization of regional, or district-wide, drop-off locations.* Information is posted and will be updated on the conference website at www.vaumc.org/ac2020. Another option is sending a check to the church and in the memo write “Kits for Conference” and UMCOR will purchase the kits. Cleaning Kits: \$78.00; Hygiene Kits: \$14.00; School Kits: \$12.00. The costs include transporting the kits. Kim will write one check to the total to the Conference.
- Cans for Conference: Since the Annual Conference will be virtual this year, the Conference is asking individual churches to donate to their local food pantry, which for Mt. Vernon’s is St. Olaf Food Pantry. You can bring your cans to the church and leave them on the bench and Kim will take to St. Olaf’s Food Pantry.
- If you have a Psalm(s) and story of the Psalm you find meaning in your life, or why you like it and you would like to share with Mt. Vernon church members or upload on church website, please send it to Pastor Mi Sook (misookahn@vaumc.org). Pastor Mi Sook will email to all church members on Wednesday as an “A Psalm and Story” devotion. You do not need to use/write all the Psalms. Just let Pastor Mi Sook know which Psalm or verses you would like to be used in the devotion. The Psalms will be the devotion for the week.
- Please join Pastor Mi Sook for fellowship time via zoom at 11:15am today. The information was emailed to you.