

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



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.

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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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Sunday Worship Service on-line via Facebook and Web Site at 10:15 am.

Facebook: [MtVernonUMCToanoVA](https://www.facebook.com/MtVernonUMCToanoVA)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

(*please rise as you are able)

Music: Carol Kendall

Worship Leader: Jeanne Fulks

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

"Seek Ye First"

(UMH 405 VA 1&2)

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

People: Give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

People: Give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

People: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

Opening Prayer:

Love through us, living God, in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Love through us, Holy One, by the grace of your child, Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith, that we may respond with trust and hope.

In your mighty name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (UMH 110 VS 1&4)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth see to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who wish us sideth. Let goods and kindred to, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

Prayer for Illumination

Dwell on God's wonderful works. Seek to hear God's voice. Listen for stories of God's grace.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 20: 1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;

⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?

¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

(New Revised Standard Version)

Message: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." Pastor Mi Sook Ahn

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed, Traditional Version (UMH 881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*traditional use of this creed includes these word: "He descended into hell."** *universal*)

Hymn of Meditation: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (UMH #580 VS 1&3)

1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

3. Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Offertory 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.

In Person Worship Service

- A completed Health Questionnaire form **by going to www.EVC.vaumc.org and click the yellow tab on the left side that states Covid Health Acknowledgement Form.** Once you submit the health form on-line it will go directly to Pastor Mi Sook. If you do not complete it on-line, a completed form can also be scanned and emailed to office.mtvernon@gmail.com or brought into the office.
- If you submit the Health Questionnaire and find you are unable to attend Worship Service on that Sunday for whatever reason, that is not a problem. You simply don't attend and fill a new form for the next Sunday you plan to attend.
- If you decide on Sunday morning you would like to attend and did not complete a form earlier in the week, you may still attend the service. An usher will ask you the questions which are on the form and may take your temperature with a non-contact infrared thermometer.
- A mask is required from parking lot to worship service.
- Please bring your Bible if you would like to follow along with the scripture reading.
- Please bring a printed bulletin as the church office is not printing bulletins at this time to limiting the handling of paper bulletins.
- The water fountain will be unavailable so please feel free to bring a bottle of water with you.
- Worship service will be available on Facebook and the Mt. Vernon Website.

Thank you for understanding the precautions that are taking place for your safety and others.

The Church in Ministry and Mission

- ✝ **Virginia Annual Conference 2020 will be live streamed** from 9am to 1:30pm, Saturday, September 19 at <https://livestream.com/vaumc>
- ✝ **Please join Pastor Mi Sook and others for fellowship time** via Zoom at 11:30am. The information will be emailed to you to join the Zoom fellowship.
- ✝ **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.

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