

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017 "Behind Every Great Church There is Prayer" 10:15 a.m.

The People Gather

Prelude & Meditation Organist, Carol Kendall

Worship Leader Cody Grundy

Lighting the Candles Bringing in the light of Christ

Greeting: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the LORD Jesus Christ

Invocation: Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

Ministry and Mission Opportunities See Insert
Please read the insert for information on meetings, dates and upcoming events.

Passing the Peace Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

Anthem "At the Cross" Choir

*Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Leader: ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever"

Leader: ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

People: ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

Leader: ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

People: ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Leader: ¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

People: ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Proclamation of the Word

*Hymn of Praise "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #302

Offertory (Our Offerings and Tithes to God) Offertory Prayer Ushers come forward

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem "Jesus is a Living Stone" Choir

Children's Time Pastor Ann

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6

New Testament Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message "Peace Through the Blood" Pastor Ann Tang

Response to the Word

*Hymn of Meditation "He Lives" #310

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed #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.

*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayers of the People Please raise your prayer and end with "Lord in Your Mercy"
Congregation Response "**Hear our prayer**"

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Celebration "Up from the Grave He Arose" #322

The altar is always available for prayers and dedication
Come forward as the Holy Spirit directs you

Extinguishing the Candles Christ leading us out into the world for missions

*Benediction (Please hold hands with the person to your right and left)

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We welcome our visitors to our worship service! If we can be of any assistance to you, let us know. We have **children's activity bags** available at the entrance door, please use these fun activities, and return the bag after the service. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service. If you would like more information regarding Mt. Vernon please contact Pastor Tang.

The Church in Ministry and Mission

Vision Statement:

We 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.

- ✝ **Thank you to the Worship Leaders** who have given their time and talent in leading the worship services. Also, **thank you to the Altar Guild** who ensures the sanctuary looks nice with flowers and the banners.
- ✝ **Thank you to Barbara Morse, Vicki Sprigg and Pat Ziesmann for cleaning and organizing the library.**
- ✝ The **Bunco group** meets on the second Monday of each month from 1– 3pm. The **AM and PM Bridge group** meets every Tuesday at 10 am – 1 pm and at 6:30 - 8:30 pm respectively.
- ✝ The **office will be closed on Monday, April 17th** for Easter Monday.
- ✝ **The Covenant group will meet** on Wednesday, April 19th from 11:30am-1:00pm.
- ✝ The **Cemetery Committee will meet** on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm.
- ✝ The **Staff/Pastor/Parish Committee will meet** on Fri., April 21st at 1:00 pm.
- ✝ **Sunday, April 30th is the 5th Sunday Fellowship Breakfast sponsored and prepared by the United Methodist Men of the church.** We hope you bring your family and friends at 9:00 am to enjoy the breakfast and fellowship time. **There will be a free will offering to support the various missions of the UMM. No Sunday school on this day.**
- ✝ **Save the date: Mt. Vernon will have its annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 6th from 8am until 1:30 pm.** Please save your no longer wanted treasures for a later date to bring them in.
- ✝ **The deadline to submit articles for The Flame is Wednesday, May 10th.** Please email your articles to Kim at office.mtvenron@verizon.net

Special Prayer Requests:

- Pastor Ann requests prayers for Sharron Ridpath, Bob Anderson, Helen Palmer and Dick Garms.
- Prayers for our leaders, our military, our nation and unity and for peace around the world.

Members at Home and at Assisted Living:

Celia Prince	Katherine & Eddie Higgs	Frances McCoy
Mary Jo Weldon	Barbara Hounshell	JoAnn Strader
Florence Cottrell	Edith Dinwiddie	

Continue to Pray For:

Jeff Copper	The Bryant's Family	Lisa Jones
Betty Thorp	Melissa Napier	Timothy Vaughan
Phyllis Lowry	Becky Alexander	Angel Kilgore
The Martins	Dick Garms	Sandra Stafford
Judy Kennedy	Shirley Little	Virginia Oliver
The Beachums	Jack Kendall	Joan Zubal
Jim Alexander	Charlotte Schmid	Kate Bakken
David & Mary Sharp	Helen Palmer	June Kasperek
Ron Hritz	Joan Braman	David Turner
Glenda Casper	Ray Morgan	

If you or someone you know would like to be placed on the prayer list or the One Call Now, please call the office at 566-0162 or Pastor Ann at home 757-566-0692 or Kim at home 757-566-3716. Please review the prayer list and if you would like someone removed please call the office.

*** Please stand as you are able.**
Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex
Scripture Readings are from the Bible Pew