

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.



Reverend Candee Martin

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Adult Sunday School begins at 9am.

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

“Behind Every Great Church
There is Prayer”

10:15am

Worship Leader

Jeanne Fulks

*Please stand as you are able. Please read in Unison in **Bold**.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Organist, Carol Kendall

Lighting the Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Words

Sing praise with all of creation.

Sing praise with all of humanity.

Sing praise together,

for all of our songs come from one God,
Creator of all.

*Introit

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

UMH #349

*Call to Worship

Sing a new song,

a song of love for all.

Sing of the Spirit of love,

the Spirit who loves us all.

Sing of God’s abiding love,

**that we might love one another
and all of the world.**

Sing a new song,

a song of love for all.

*Hymn of Praise

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

TFWS #2050

*Opening Prayer

Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship.

Whisper your song of love in our hearts,

that love may flow through every word we hear,

every thought we think,

every word we speak

and every song we sing.

Spirit of power and grace, abide in us,

that we may abide in your love

and proclaim your song of love for all. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Hymn of Baptism Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

UMH #611 (vs. 1,2)

Baptismal Covenant II

UMH pp. 39-43

Emilia Mae Anderson

Child of Maegan and Dustin Anderson

Born on October 24, 2019

Claire Redfield (Aunt and Godmother)

Hymn of Baptism “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

UMH #611 (vs.3, 4)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

We thank you, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it, you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

⁹⁻¹⁰“I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done—kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love.

¹¹⁻¹⁵“I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father.

¹⁶“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

¹⁷“But remember the root command: Love one another.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Candee Martin

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Candee Martin

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.

Hymn of Meditation “Jesus Love Me” UMH #191 (vs. 1,2)

The Message

“Love Is All That Matters”

Rev. Candee Martin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response

“Jesus Loves Me”

UMH #191 (v.3)

Special Music

David Sharp

Offering

Offertory Prayer

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts
and on all of us gathered here,
that we may abide in your love
and that your love may abide in these gifts.
In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

*Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

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

*Prayer of Confession

Spirit of love, we come in search of love
and in the hope of learning how to love
as you love us.

Help us to see others with your eyes of love.

**Help us to forgive and accept forgiveness
as fully and confidently as you forgive.**

Love us, dear God, with the mercy and grace we need
to abide in your love each and every day.

In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

God's steadfast love is ours.

God's faithfulness is sure.

**God's Spirit is with us,
embracing us with forgiveness and grace,
abiding in us with the power of love for all.**

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

TFWS #2223 (vs.1,2,3)

Extinguishing the Candles

Christ's light leads us into the world to serve.

*Benediction

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Created by God,
we go to love all of creation.
Blessed with love,
we are bound by love.
Chosen for love,
we go now to love. Amen.

Postlude

*** Please stand as you are able.
Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex**

Stewardship for week of May 7: \$2,639.00

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The Yard sale has been cancelled for this year.

Announcements/Missions

- **Nominations & Leadership Meeting:** Tuesday, May 16th at 1PM in the Conference room.
- **Church Clean-up day:** Friday, May 19th at 10AM, weather permitting. If able, please consider helping to get the church yard ready for summer! Many hands make for light work!
- **The Cemetery Association** will place flags on the graves of our 34 Veterans on Sunday, May 28th after the church service. All are invited to attend.
- **Cemetery Meeting:** Wednesday, May 31st at 10AM.
- **16th Annual Jenna Bash Festival:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 11am – 4pm at LifePointe Christian Church 8841 Richmond Rd. To adopt a butterfly go to PGOVA.org/jenna-bash-festival.
- **Grass Cutters are needed** for the summer. The sign-up form is on the bulletin board in the hall. If you are able, it would be much appreciated.
- **St. Olaf's Food Pantry:** Please consider donating these items or monies to the food pantry: Pasta Roni, Banquet-Complete meal, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, El Paso Taco kit, toilet paper, feminine hygiene Products.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.