

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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Adult Sunday School begins at 9:15am.

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.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

“Behind Every Great Church
There is Prayer”

10:15am

Worship Leader

Suzanne Latimer

*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

God is the creator of all,
not just those who claim to be
the people of God.

God calls and welcomes
all of humanity into community.

We, who claim our love for Christ,
are invited to extend extravagant welcome
in both word and action to all
of God's children everywhere.

*Introit

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

UMH #641

*Call to Worship (responsive)

From north and south, from east and west...

all are welcome here.

With hands raised high or hearts quietly pondering...

we come to worship God.

Bringing our love, opening our minds...

**we draw near to God, near to each other,
and near to Christ, the Word of God.**

*Opening Prayer (responsive)

God of all nations, for creating us in all diversity,
yet calling us together in our common humanity,
we offer you our thanks and praise.

**Speak to us with your Spirit of Truth.
Reveal to us your loving presence,
and guide us to display your loving Spirit
in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.**

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*Hymn of Praise

“I Come with Joy”

UMH #617

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

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**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.

Gospel Lesson

John 6:35-38 (Common English Bible)

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³⁵Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I told you that you have seen me and still don’t believe. ³⁷Everyone whom the Father gives to me will come to me, and I won’t send away anyone who comes to me. ³⁸I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me.

New Testament Acts 2:42-47 (Common English Bible)

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⁴²The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. ⁴³A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles.

⁴⁴All the believers were united and shared everything. ⁴⁵They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. ⁴⁶Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. ⁴⁷They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

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Hymn of Meditation

"Spirit Song"

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The Message "The Gifts of Living in Everyday Communion"

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response "Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH #618

Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

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**Holy God, creator of this and many other worlds,
bless these gifts in Jesus' name,
that they may aid a world in need,
near and far. 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.**

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Apostles' Creed

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.

Special Music

The Choir

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

Invitation to Holy Communion

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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another

Therefore, let us offer our prayer before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

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We are conscious this day, O God,
of the world's great needs:

for love,
for caring,
for right relationships of all kinds.

We are conscious, too, of the times we fall short:

the small daily choices

and the large systems in society

that impede the loving world you envision.

Save us from hypocrisy, we pray,

and help us find the places

where your glory abides. Amen.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

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The psalmist says God made humanity
but a little lower than the angels.

**We are, God knows, sometimes not even close
to angels at all.**

Yet, God crowns us with glory and honor.

In the name of that Jesus, the perfecter of our salvation,
know that you are loved and forgiven.

The Great Thanksgiving

[Responses, UMH p. 13-15]

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The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving (unison)

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**We give thanks, O Gracious God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world
in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration "In Christ There Is No East or West"

UMH #548

Extinguishing the Candles

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

*Benediction

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Bring God's loving presence to the world.

Be companions of kindness to everyone you meet.

Go forth, trusting that our companion God goes with us,
now and forevermore.

Amen.

Postlude

*** Please stand as you are able.**

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of May 26: \$1,250.00

*We sincerely hope you have felt the presence of
the Lord in our Worship Service this morning.*

We appreciate your attendance and support.

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Announcements/Missions

- **Fellowship Time:** The 3rd Sunday of every month there will be a Fellowship Time after the Sunday Service.
- **Cereal..Cereal..Cereal:** We will concentrate on collecting ONLY cereal donations to St. Olaf's & PGO Food Pantries, so please consider picking up an extra box or two of cereal each week and deposit it in the basket in the narthex. It's a need that we can help to fulfill. Thanks!
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.