

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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Reverend Dennis Morgan

7801 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168

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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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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

Gracious God, Holy and Eternal, we find ourselves captives of this secular world. We desire to live lives of holy obedience, but we fall short. Recapture our loyalties, not by defeating our will but by aligning it to yours. Seize our spirits, not by forcing us into your grasp, but by freeing us from sin.

Continue to love us, desire us and seek relationship with us. Our ears strain for the sound of you, our eyes for the sight of you; our hearts tremble in anticipation of your presence. Come into our midst, Lord, and make us your captives.

*Introit

“Just, Remember Jesus”

UMH #488

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Come, all who labor and are heavy-laden,

People: And God will give you rest.

Leader: Take God’s yoke upon you,

People: For the Lord is gentle and lowly in heart.

Leader: Come, and find peace for your souls,

All: For the yoke of the Lord is easy, and the burden is light.

*Opening Prayer (responsive)

Leader: Lord God, we gather together in your house, in your sight, to commune and engage with you. We make all efforts to understand and obey your will, but we are too easily distracted by the world around us.

People: The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak!

Leader: We rely on our own instincts, on our old habits, and on our own desires, but not enough on your love and strength.

People: The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak!

Leader: Help us to freely accept the guidance you provide. Grant us the insights we need to comprehend your will for us. Give us the strength to fulfill our obligations to you, and renew our faith in your love.

People: Free us for faithful obedience.

*Hymn of Praise “Blessed Assurance” UMH #369

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Rev. Dennis Morgan

Gracious God, we long for an intimate relationship with you. We know that to truly draw near we must be obedient to your will, but we struggle to comprehend all that you desire of us. Grant us understanding, Lord, that we may be your cheerful servants – those who will be your hands and feet – to labor in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Hebrew Scripture Romans 7:15-25a
Rev. Dennis Morgan

Prayers of the People Rev. Dennis Morgan

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dennis Morgan

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.

Hymn of Meditation

“Jesus Call Us”

UMH #398

The Message

“Doing What I Want”

Rev. Dennis Morgan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response “A Charge to Keep I Have”

UMH #413

Special Music

The Choir

Offering

Offertory Prayer (responsive)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Leader: Gracious God, giver of all good gifts and graces, you have blessed us far beyond whatever we deserve.

We give our thanks and praise for the many blessings you have granted us.

People: Yet we understand that not everyone is equally blessed – that there are still those around us without basic necessities.

Leader: We acknowledge that your generosity has extended to us so that we, too, can ease the burdens of the less fortunate.

People: We freely and generously give so that we can support one another here in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, the community that surrounds us, and to the world at large. 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.

*Words of Assurance

Rev. Dennis Morgan

In return for our faith alone, Christ forgives us. Because we continue to live our lives as Christ has taught us, we are righteous in God's eyes. Because we lift each other up in faith, we are a forgiven people. Praise God!

A Service of Communion:

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration

"Freely, Freely"

UMH #389

Extinguishing the Candles

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

Benediction:

Set your minds on the things of the Spirit. Fasten your imagination to the will of the Lord. Bind your soul to the purpose of God, and go forth to do the will of the Lord!

Postlude

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of June 30: \$1,085.00

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

- **Administrative Council:** Will meet Wednesday, July 10th at 2:30pm.
- **Jenna Bash:** Will be held Saturday, August 3rd, 11AM – 4PM.
- **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.