

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.



August 4, 2024

Reverend Dennis Morgan

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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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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

Are you spiritually well-fed? Eat well of the bread of life.
Drink your fill of the living water, and share this feast with
every hungry guest.

*Introit

“He Is Lord”

UMH #177

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: We do not live by bread alone, but by the life-giving
word of God’s love.

People: God, give us the bread of life, today and always.

Leader: Too long have we lived with hunger, seeking to fill
our appetites with food that leaves us wanting.

**People: Too long we have starved ourselves of spiritual
food that truly satisfies.**

Leader: “I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus tells us. “Whoever
comes to me will never be hungry.”

People: “Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Feed us with your grace and
love.

**People: May we love our neighbors, ourselves, and you
so that we may never be hungry again. Amen**

*Opening Prayer (responsive)

Leader: Spirit of God, dwell among us and guide us.

People: You know the deep hungers that motivate us, and the attempts we make to satisfy these hungers. You alone know the grace and peace that can nourish us to full strength in body and soul.

Leader: Feed us, Bread of Life, with food that lasts.

People: Give enough to share with others who also hunger, even if they know not what they hunger for. We rejoice in your bread, for it truly satisfies.

Leader: Give us the wisdom to receive it,

People: That we may taste and see your goodness, O Lord. Amen

*Hymn of Praise "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

UMH #339

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Gracious God, we want nothing more than to fully comprehend your will. We read your Word, and we believe in our own understanding, but we acknowledge that we may not find the meaning that you intend. As we read and study the scriptures before us this morning, let us see them and understand them as you intend. Amen

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Prayers of the People

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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 "Fill My Cup, Lord" UMH #641

The Message "Worthy of Our Calling"
Rev. Dennis Morgan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music David Sharp

Offering

Offertory Prayer (responsive) Rev. Dennis Morgan

Leader: Glorious God, may the gifts we give bring glory to you and grace to your world.

People: May our lives and our ministry reflect your love, and may we spread your message of love throughout the world. 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

Leader: Christ's table is open to all who will join the feast. Come, eat; be loved and forgiven. Then share this good food with all who hunger.

People: Glory be to God! Amen

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 "Here I Am, Lord"

UMH #593

Extinguishing the Candles

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

Benediction:

Stay well nourished by God's grace, and share the bread of life with others. May the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be 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 July 28: \$654.00

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

- **Finance Meeting:** Will be held Wednesday, August 7th at 2:00PM.
- **Administrative Council Meeting:** Will be held Wednesday, August 7th at 2:30PM.
- **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.