

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 11, 2024

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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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024 “Behind Every Great Church 10:15am
There is Prayer”

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

When surrounded by danger and chaos, we call out to Jesus, who tells us “Be calm. Know that I **AM**...with you.”

*Introit

“This Is the Day”

UMH #657

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd – I will fear no darkness!

People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Leader: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Leader: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

People: We will love on another as Christ loves us.

Leader: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us!

*Opening Prayer (responsive)

Leader: Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name.

People: When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters, and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits.

Leader: Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness

and mercy may follow us every day of our lives.

People: May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. Amen

*Hymn of Praise "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH #381

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Good shepherd, reveal to us your path through the peaks and valleys of our lives. May goodness and mercy flow through us as your love sparks us to take the action you require of us. Help us understand your will as we seek to speak and walk in your truth and love.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

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 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

UMH #382

The Message

"Walking on Water"

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

David Sharp

Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

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Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render unto you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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.

*Prayer of Yearning (responsive):

Leader: Source of Wisdom and understanding, turn us from the folly that surrounds us as we seek to live according to your ways.

People: Fill us with your spirit of power, and guard us from the selfish paths that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy.

All: Bless us with your spirit once more, that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son and live in your holy ways. Amen

*Words of Assurance

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Although the seas may toss and turn, and shore may not be within sight, We rest in reassurance that the Lord will guide us through the night. When we have sinned and feel we don't deserve to be here in this place, The Holy Spirit guides us and returns us to a state of grace.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

Extinguishing the Candles

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

*Benediction

May you show boldness before God in all you do. Following the path of Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd, act with kindness, love, and humility. Bring comfort to others, acting with love and truth. And in doing so, bring others into the light of Christ.

Postlude

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of August 4: \$4,460.00

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.