

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.



September 1, 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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024 "Behind Every Great Church 10:15am
There is Prayer"

Worship Leader

Suzanne Latimer

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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Organist, Carol Kendall

Pastor's Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection

My heart longs to be close to you, O God. May all my thoughts and actions honor and glorify you.

*Introit

"Something Beautiful"

UMH #394

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Creator God, you bless us with the heavenly lights -

People: the moon that waxes and wanes in constant order,

Leader: the planets that continuously move around the sun,

People: the galaxies that blink from the deepest recesses of the night sky.

Leader: In the darkness, you call out, "Let there be light!"

People: and the universe is filled with heavenly light.

Leader: You are our Creator, too,

People: the one who formed us, and who forms us still.

Leader: May your word of truth ring out today with your call to new life!

People: AMEN

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Creator of the heavens, there is no shadow in your divine light. It remains unchanging across the eons, even as the stars come and go. You are our faithful Creator, the Gardener of our lives. You plant your truth within us and inspire lives of caring and love. We honor, worship, and glorify you. AMEN

New Membership

Welcoming Rosa Baker and Lisa Feight to full membership in our congregation.

Please refer to the Baptismal covenant 1 (pg.33) in your hymnal.

*Hymn of Praise "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Rev. Dennis Morgan

The words of scripture are words of remembrance, stories of God's people, words of God's wisdom, hope for the future, and challenge for the present. Let us listen to, and understand, the Word of God. AMEN

Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:15-20

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Prayers of the People and the Church 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 "A Charge to Keep I Have" UMH #413

The Message "Aid a Reformation"

Rev. Dennis Morgan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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!

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Gracious God, we know that you don't desire burnt offerings, but rather gifts of perfect devotion. Through Christ, we know that all gifts from the heart are welcome, both great and small. Driven by love, and led by compassion, we now share our gifts and offerings to our Creator. Amen

Offering

*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.

*Words of Assurance(Unison)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Where two or three of us are gathered in Christ's name, God is with us. Where God is present, there is grace and compassion. Having put on Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and reconciled, one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world. AMEN

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH #419

*Benediction (responsive)

Leader: The good gifts of God continue to pour out upon us, giving us inspiration and energy for all good works and every good act.

People: May our lives yield a full harvest of goodness and compassion!

Leader: Go, and be doers of God's divine will!

People: May our lives honor and glorify God! AMEN

Postlude

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of August 25: \$1150.50

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

- **Office Closure:** The office will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.
- **Choir Practice:** Will resume September 5th at 1pm.
- **Susanna Wesley circle:** Will meet September 9th , 6:30pm in the home of Kay Rowe.
- **Administrative Council Meeting:** Will be held Wednesday, September 4th at 2:30pm.
- **Jewell Bryant Circle:** Will meet Monday, September 9th at 1pm.
- **Cemetery Meeting:** Will be held Wednesday, September 11th at 10:30am.
- **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.

