

# *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 8, 2024

***Reverend Dennis Morgan***

7801 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168

757-566-0162

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.

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024 "Behind Every Great Church 10:15am  
There is Prayer"

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Worship Leader

Jeanne Fulks

\*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

Where two or three 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 with the world.

\*Introit

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Welcome to you - both the weak and the strong!

**People: Christ Jesus welcomes us here!**

Leader: Welcome to you, both sinners and saints!

**People: God's grace embraces us all!**

Leader: Welcome to you, both forgiven and forgiving!

**People: The Spirit binds us in unity and in love! AMEN**

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of love and grace, bind us together this day. Even as you have welcomed us, so may we welcome one another. Speak to our hearts, that we may hear your words and heed your call to live as a community of acceptance and love. AMEN**

\*Hymn of Praise "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

UMH #128

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Rev. Dennis Morgan

**Christ calls to us, reminding us that we do not live for ourselves. We do not listen for ourselves. We listen for God's truth, for God's wisdom. Put away all judgement, and listen for the word of God. AMEN**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-25 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 "O Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #539

The Message "Our Role in Forgiveness"

Rev. Dennis Morgan

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Offertory Prayer (Pastor)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Gracious and Ever-Living God, welcome these gifts that we are about to offer just as you have welcomed us, O God. Grant that those who receive the fruits of the ministries we support may come to know your compassion and your infinite love. 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.**

\*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 (pastor)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Out of pity, God sees our sins and forgives our debts.

So we are called to see with pity and forgive with

compassion. Come, we are made new in Christ Jesus,

given new eyes to see and grace to forgive. In Christ's

grace, we are forgiven and set free! AMEN

### **SENDING FORTH**

\*Hymn of Celebration

"Freely, Freely"

UMH #389

\*Benediction (Pastor)

Go with God's welcome.

Go with God's grace.

Go forth to love and to embrace God's world.

AMEN

Postlude

*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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Monday 3pm-6pm

Thursday 10am-1pm

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

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available in the Narthex

**Stewardship for week of September 1: \$3444.00**

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## Announcements/Missions

- **Choir Practice:** Will resume September 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- **Susanna Wesley circle:** Will meet September 9<sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm in the home of Kay Rowe.
- **Jewell Bryant Circle:** Will meet Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- **Cemetery Meeting:** Will be held Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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.