

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 15, 2024

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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Worship Leader

Theresa Kaufman

*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

We are forgiven, each of us, according to God's will. Our generous God offers forgiveness to some who have done much in insult to God's will, and to some who have done very little. All who repent and seek forgiveness will find it equally in God, regardless of how far they have strayed or how long they were outside of God's will. None who ask are less forgiven.

*Introit

"His Name Is Wonderful"

UMH #174

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – call on God's holy name.

People: Sing praises to our God; tell of God's wonderful works.

Leader: The Lord brings quail to eat in the evening and the bread of heaven in the morning.

People: God causes water to flow from solid rock, turning dry desert into a flowing river.

Leader: Shout to the Lord – proclaim the miracles that bless the people with life!

People: Give thanks to our God. Let everything that draws breath praise God!

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Caretaker God, as we wander in the wilderness of our lives, lead us with your cloud by day and with your pillar of fire by night, that we may never lose our way. Bless us with your holy presence, O God, that we may know the strength of your hand and the tender mercy of your love. Feed us with your bread from heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and shout your praises! AMEN

*Hymn of Praise “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH #139

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Holy Lord, we seek to understand your will, but our eyes are not attuned to scripture that was written so long ago. Peel away the many layers of time, of changing customs and cultures, so that the true meaning of your word may be made known to us. AMEN

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

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 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

UMH #549

The Message

“Good Work and Fair Wages”

Rev. Dennis Morgan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Offertory Prayer (Pastor)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

In the wilderness of our lives, God's grace is like water gushing from a rock, transforming arid desert into a flowing river. In thanksgiving for God's mercy, let us give from our abundance as we collect today's offering. 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 (unison)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Heed the words of the Psalmist: "Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!" Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ. Rejoice and count your blessings, not your troubles. Show gratitude in all things, and you will find peace! AMEN

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

UMH #462

*Benediction (Pastor)

Go forth into the wilderness of life, trusting that we don't journey alone. Drink of God's grace and eat your fill of God's love, for God nourishes us along the way. AMEN

Postlude

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of September 8: \$2,735.00

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

- **Trustee Meeting:** Will be Monday, September 30th at 10am.
- **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.