

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 22, 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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024 "Behind Every Great Church 10:15am
There is Prayer"

Worship Leader

Donna Wilson

*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

In this life, we often feel as though being first means being best, or being most successful. We strive to get ahead and, in doing so, often forsake our spiritual lives. As we worship today, let us be humble and consider how our humility better serves God.

*Introit "There's Something About That Name"

UMH #171

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

People: We seek God's wisdom, the water of Christ's teachings.

Leader: Rest in the shade of this tree called the Church.

People: We yearn for the strength to move forward in faith.

Leader: Plant your hearts in God's truth, your lives in Christ's ways.

People: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Wise and Wonderful God, speak words of wisdom, that we might hear and believe. Instill in us the ways of righteousness, which are far more precious than jewels. Make us wise and understanding in both word and action, that we may be people of peace and compassion, bearing the fruit of mercy and love. Amen

*Hymn of Praise “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

UMH #158

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Do not give up on us, O God, for we are here to follow your precepts and return to your ways. Speak to us again of your ways of life and death, that we may grow strong in our faith and bear the fruit of eternal life. Amen

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:30-37

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 How I Love Jesus”

UMH #170

The Message

“In the Sight of Jesus”

Rev. Dennis Morgan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

As we draw near to you, O God, draw near to us in these gifts we are about to offer. Bless them with your wisdom and love, that through them others may receive the gentle touch of your grace and the fruit of your life-giving presence.

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

Drawing nearer to God, we discover that God has drawn nearer to us. Drawing nearer to Christ, we discover that Christ has drawn nearer to us. We are all God's children, bathed in the waters of righteousness, forgiven and welcomed anew!

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration

"Trust and Obey"

UMH #467

*Benediction (Pastor)

Go forth as Children of God.

Go forth with wisdom and grace.

Go forth with the fruit of Christ's love.

Go forth with the Spirit of peace.

Go forth and serve God.

Postlude

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of September 15: \$2779.00

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.

New Pricing for Cemetery Plots... Previous Pricing Honored Until 12/31/2024 On September 4, 2024, at the request of the Cemetery Association, the Mt. Vernon UMC Administrative Council approved changes in the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, which included a price increase for assignment of plots to people eligible for burial in the cemetery. The new pricing continues to be less than that of local commercial cemeteries. 4' X 8' plots are for one (1) traditional casket/vault burials, or for up to three (3) urn/vault cremation burials. 4' X 4' plots are for one (1) cremation urn/vault burials. For anyone interested in being assigned a plot, or plots, the previous pricing schedule will be honored through December 31, 2024. The new pricing will become effective on January 1, 2025. For answers to your questions, please contact Russ Hobgood or Bob Dishman.