

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.



April 6, 2025

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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025 “Am I Compassionate Enough?” 10:15am

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 (Leader):

Rejoice and be glad! In Christ, we are made new! In God, steadfast love guides us home. Rejoice and be glad!

*Introit

“Into My Heart,”

TFWS #2160

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: When we have been hurt and lost,

People: God brings us laughter and joy!

Leader: When our lives reach a dead end,

People: God opens a way forward!

Leader: When the rivers of our lives dry up,

People: God sends living water to quench our thirst!

Leader: God has done great things for us -

People: Let us rejoice and be thankful!

*Opening Prayer (unison)

God of Love, you know our lives inside and out – the times of joy and laughter, and the times of loss and pain. You accompanied our ancestors of faith into exile, and then journeyed with them back to the Promised Land. Be with us in times of plenty and times of want, and let us rejoice in your presence, for you see us and care for us. In the name of the Embracing Spirit we pray. AMEN

*Hymn of Praise “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”
UMH #277

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Rev. Dennis Morgan

Almighty God, as we read the scriptures this Sabbath morning, we strive to comprehend your lessons and take your will to heart. Help us to understand your intent, and keep us moving ever forward towards to completion of your Holy Kingdom. AMEN

Gospel Lesson John 12:1-8 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 “Let Us Break Bread Together”
UMH #618

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“Am I Compassionate Enough??”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Passing of the Peace: (Pastor)

The heavens above and every part of creation below reveals God’s glory without speech. Look upon one another now and silently share the peace of Christ with a smile, a bow of the head, a handshake, a hug, or simple reverence.

Communion:

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Let us share our gifts from our deep gratitude to Jesus, our Savior, who answers our sorrow with joy and our tears with comfort. Let us share our gifts out of thanksgiving to God and out of love for the world.

*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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

UMH #622

*Benediction:

May the Grace of God, the peace of Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit lift you, comfort you, strengthen you, and sustain you until we meet again in worship. Amen

Postlude

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of March 30th: \$2,090

We sincerely hope you have felt the presence of the Lord in our Worship Service.

We appreciate your attendance and support.

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The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospel for Christian Preachers and Teachers, Liturgical Press

The Daily Study Bible commentary series, Westminster Press

The New Interpreter's Bible commentary series, Abingdon Press

Announcements/Missions

- **Fellowship Time:** Fellowship Time will be held every third Sunday of each month, after worship service in the Fellowship Hall.
- **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!
- **Yard Sale:** The Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 8 am-1 pm. More details to follow.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.
- **Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Dennis' office hours are Monday 3p-6p and Tuesday 10a-1p. In addition, Pastor Dennis can meet *by appointment* at other times throughout the week.

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