

## Participating in Worship Today

Piano & Organ:	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders:	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Florence Beutler
Ushers:	Pete & Delores Way
Reader:	Tisha Brown
Audio Specialist:	Alan Ferguson
Communion Bread:	Phil Leavenworth
Serving Communion:	Margy Murray & Mary Penninga
Coffee Hour:	POTLUCK!!!
Ministers:	All the people
Pastor:	Brad Brookins

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### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father 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 sins,*

*As we forgive those who sin 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*

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# Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

Greeting

Silence

Prelude

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Bringing in the Light

\* Call to Worship

Psalm 43: 3,4

**L: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead us.**

P: Let them bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**ALL: Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our exceeding joy;  
and we will praise you with the harp, O God, our God.**

\* Hymn *Enter, Rejoice and Come In* (NCH #73 vs 1,2,4)

\* **Prayer (unison)** You call us to “live and move and have our being” in you, Gracious God. But in this strange season where we find ourselves right now we live in fear and move in distrust and division. We know there is something that should bind us together, but we can’t find it. Our opinions are set and our differences are harsh. Forgive our unwillingness to be the neighbor to those with whom we differ. Break open our hearts with your love; teach us to care for all and welcome all. Renew us this morning to live as your people in the days ahead we pray, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

\* Assurance **From II Corinthians 5. 17, 18**

*Anyone who is in Christ has become a new creation altogether. The old is finished and gone. Everything has been made new. By God’s grace today you and I are forgiven and made whole, for which we all say:*

\* ...And so we sing!

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

Story Box

What’s Happening

Offering

Dreams

Langston Hughes

Hold fast to dreams  
For if dreams die  
Life is a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly.  
Hold fast to dreams  
For when dreams go  
Life is a barren field  
Frozen with snow

Offertory

*Worthy, You are Worthy*

\* **Response** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!*

\* **Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

We bring these gifts out of gratitude, Generous God, for the abundance of your earth that feeds the abundance of our lives. Teach us to live in Jesus’ name—to be careful citizens of your world and caring neighbors to your people, whoever they are and where ever they live. Amen.

**The Table of Our Lord**

**We are invited**

**Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer**

*(The Lord’s Prayer is printed on the back of your bulletin)*

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55. 10-13

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 13. 1-9; 18-23

Sermon

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\* Hymn

*Hymn of Promise*

(NCH 433)

\* **Benediction**

Postlude

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***Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:***

—Florence Beutler recovering from a hospital stay.

—Jerry Blizzard recovering from a leg injury sustained in a work accident on the farm

*If you would like to submit a name or concern for this prayer list please call or email the church office. Thanks.*

**Serving in Worship on July 30, 2017**

Greeter: Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager

Ushers: Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader: Diane Hefty

Communion Bread: Phil Leavenworth

Serving Communion: **We still need volunteers to serve next week**

Coffee Hour: POTLUCK!!!

**The Sunday School Staff** are providing materials and space downstairs in the children's area over the summer for kids who need to do something else during the worship time. **There will be no adult staff supervision so for their safety you will need to accompany your kids downstairs**, but feel free to use the space if you need it.

**Remember—we are continuing our experiment** with POTLUCK!!! coffee hours for the next few months. As always, bring a little of what you have and all will be well fed. If you aren't able to bring something for any reason, please stay and eat

anyway. **If you are visiting with us we hope you will be our guest.** You will likely leave repeating our "brag line" — "the finest coffee hour in Dane County".

**Yoga for Every Body** will next meet on Tuesday, July 25th and Saturday, July 29th. There will be a short break and classes will continue on Tuesday, August 15. When you come to your first class, please arrive early to fill out the necessary application and medical release form.

**Please send your announcements to the church office by email or phone call by Thursday of each week. We are trying to cut down on the number of impromptu announcements made during the worship service to save time and avoid disruptions to the worship time.**

**We welcome Kristen Gorton** to our pulpit this morning. Kristen is a recent seminary graduate and is in conversation with one of our sister churches about becoming their pastor and teacher. We are providing what's called a "neutral pulpit". Kristen will lead worship and the search committee from that congregation, who are also with us, will observe. There will be several new faces in our gathering this morning so be sure to greet anyone you haven't seen before (along with all those you have seen, of course).

**For the rest of the summer**, except for August 13, I am turning the choice of sermon topics over to you. Here's your chance to start a conversation on anything—what are you wondering about or interested in; what gets your dander up or your brain cells excited; what would you like to challenge about our current course—anything. This is your opportunity to set the agenda for the day. I'm not promising answers to every question, but together we can move the conversation along into ever more interesting areas. So give me a text, a question, a rant, a lament—something to get the juices flowing, and we'll see what happens. For next Sunday I need to hear from someone by Tuesday so I have time to prepare. (*"Be not afraid", Jesus said. I'm trying to remember that as I make this offer* 😊)