

## Participating in Worship Today

Piano & Organ	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders	Leon McGregor & Julie von Eschen
Greeter:	Harland Erfurth
Ushers:	Tom & Ruth Dobson
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Reader:	Mary Lou Kollath
Communion Bread:	Alan Ferguson
Serving Communion:	Jeff Jenkins &
Coffee Hour:	POTLUCK!!!
Ministers	All the People
Pastor	Brad Brookins

### *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

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost!!

September 10, 2017

Greeting  
Silence

Prelude *How Great Thou Art*

Bringing in the Light

1<sup>st</sup> Song *Because He Lives*

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Song *Sweet By and By*

\* Prayer

Still Speaking God, we keep silent and try to hide ourselves from you. Times of distress flood our world like mighty waters; hurricane winds blow us about. We are afraid, and we live as people who have no hope. Forgive us. Encourage us. Surround us with your peace and help us live large in the hope of the gospel. We pray, as always, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

L: Isaiah 43. 1-4

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine...

*By God's grace today we are forgiven and made whole, and so we all say:*

***Thanks be to God!***

*Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what you do love, and do what you would do.*

The Story Box

Offering *We've Prayed in Wind and Rain* Carolyn Gillette

*O God, we've prayed in wind and rain and now we pray once more  
for those who felt the hurricane and heard the waters roar...*

Offertory *Just a Closer Walk*

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

\* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

With thanksgiving and praise we bring our offerings to you. Use these gifts aid the hands that heal and the hearts that reconcile. May we shine the light of the gospel into the night around us and be the blessing you desire for the world you love. We pray, as always, in Jesus name. Amen.

### *The Table*

We are invited *O Sacred Heart*

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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

1st Scripture Reading **Matthew 6. 25-34**

*Abundant Creation*  
Steve & Kelly Brumm

2nd Scripture Reading **Genesis 2. 1-4**

*"...and when God speaks things happen, worlds are created, truth is heard."*

Sermon

\* Hymn *Shine, Jesus Shine*

\* Benediction *Grace...Love...Fellowship, now and always*

Postlude

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

Beecher Daniels having surgery Monday  
Victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Katia  
Donna & Roger Stoll; Brad and Jessica Stoll  
Liz Klopotic recovering from knee surgery  
Helen Leavenworth & her friend James who is in the hospital

*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 September 10, 2017**

Greeter: Don & Marilyn Frye  
Ushers: Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager  
Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson  
Reader: Palmer Haynes  
Communion Bread: Judy Hale  
Serving Communion: Judy Hale & **volunteer needed**  
Coffee Hour: POTLUCK!!!

**Our Fall/Winter schedule begins this Sunday, September 10. The first Adult Sunday School class for the year will meet around the kitchen table at 9:00 a.m. and the worship service will begin at 10:15.**

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. There are also rocking chairs downstairs and in the room behind the sanctuary for little ones who need a quiet place.

**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*".

**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.

**From Mary Lou Kollath:**

As everyone knows, this is quilt raffle ticket selling time. Because I am usually in the kitchen on Sunday mornings, helping set up for the potluck, no one is sitting at the table, selling those tickets. It's a "do it yourself" kind of thing, so help yourself, mark your name on the sheet, and how many tickets you've bought.. I am trusting you to put the correct amount of money in the plastic box holding the cash. Take change if necessary. Tickets cost \$1 each, or you can get 6 for \$5. A real deal! The winning ticket will be drawn the first Sunday in November. Thank you.

**The United Church of Christ**, through our United Church Funds office, is responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey. They need financial assistance from churches like ours so they can help as many people affected as possible. We will be taking a special offering this morning and are asking all of us to be as generous as possible. If you aren't ready to make your gift today you can mail it to the church office or you can donate online at our website by clicking on the **DONATE** button at the bottom of our home page: [www.mtvernonucc.org](http://www.mtvernonucc.org) . Be sure to designate "Hurricane Relief" with your gift so it can be separated from your regular offering.

We will be watching the progress of Hurricane Irma over this weekend, as well. It is very likely the need will grow even larger before long. We will continue to pray for the victims of the storm and also for the first responders and aid workers bringing relief to those affected.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

## Isaiah 43. 1-4

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will  
be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not  
overwhelm you...  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...  
You are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,