

Participating in Worship Today

Guest Pianist: Steve Slack
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Greeter: Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager
Ushers: Palmer & Lydia Haynes
Reader: Margy Murray
Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson
Dishwashers: Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager
Ministers: All the people
Youth Ministry Director: Mary Penninga
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 debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen*

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*The Mt Vernon United Church of Christ
is an Open and Affirming Congregation.
Welcome done right!*

Gratefulness

Through Jesus the darkness is now full of grace
and failing mortals are loved into eternity.

Rebecca Lyman

Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ
6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018

Greeting

Into Silence

Prelude

1st Song *Heavenly Sunlight*

* 2nd Song *I Saw the Light*

* Prayer

Sometimes we founder in a darkness not of our own making—"this world is too much with us" and we cannot see our way through. And sometimes we manage to make a mess of things all by ourselves—insisting on our rightness, failing to listen. But at *all* times, Generous God, we are held in your arms. So we give thanks for your kindness, your forgiveness and your grace. Keep us in your love. Guide us in your way, we pray. Amen.

L: "God is Love. Those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them". (1 John 4:16) And God is Grace—grace that forgives and makes us whole and brings us all to say...

Thanks be to God!

...And so we sing!

*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*

Story Box

What's Happening!

Offering

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from Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever, your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Offertory

* Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Open our hearts, Loving God, to receive all you have to give us; and then open our hands to give it all away. Shape us into a generous people. Teach us to live *by* your grace and *for* those you love we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

1st Scripture

Philippians 4. 4-9

2nd Scripture

Psalm 103

Sermon

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Every Time I Hear the Spirit

* 3rd Song

The Love of God

* Benediction

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen

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Welcome done right!

Please join us downstairs for our potluck Sunday Brunch immediately following the worship service. Especially if you are visiting and even if you didn't bring any food, you are invited and welcome. Enjoy Mt. Vernon's generous *Church 2.0*.

Serving in Worship on July 8, 2018

Greeter:

Ushers:

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader:

Serving Communion: Margy Murray & Judy Hale

Communion Bread: Phil Leavenworth

Dishwashers (4 needed): Deb Anderson & & &

The 4th of July Dinner and Silent Auction are just 3 days away!! We will be asking for a lot of help. Please be ready to say yes when you are asked. This is an "all hands on deck" affair.

During the summer, we take a break from our regular Sunday School classes. However, we invite families whose kids need something else to do during the worship time to use our downstairs children's area. It is supplied with toys, craft supplies, and books for kids. We do not provide adult supervision in this space. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. We have furnished the area with speakers so parents can listen to the worship service while attending to their children. Our fall Sunday School Program will resume September 9, 2018.

We want people of all ages to feel welcome and so a Story Box time for kids is included in the worship service during the summer. This is a fun time for kids as they take turns taking the empty box home and filling it with a surprise item. Seeing it for the first time on Sunday morning, Pastor Brad does his best to come up with a story and lesson for the kids related to whatever they put in the box. It usually works out :)

Heavenly Sunlight

Walking in sunlight all of my journey,
Over the mountains, through the deep vale;
Jesus has said, I'll never forsake thee –
Promise divine that never can fail.

Chorus

Heavenly sunlight! Heavenly sunlight!
Flooding my soul with glory divine;
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing,
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine!

Shadows around me, shadows above me
Never conceal my Savior and Guide;
He is the light, in Him is no darkness,
Ever I'm walking close to His side.

Chorus

In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing,
Pressing my way to mansions above;
Singing His praises, gladly I'm walking,
Walking in sunlight, sunlight of love.

Chorus

I Saw The Light

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I was a fool to wander and a-stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave the son to win;
God's erring child was reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

(Refrain)

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure —
The saints' and angels' song.

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits —
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.
Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Philippians 4. 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Heavenly Sunlight; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLD_k5GeZq0

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Jv_oEVzRtE

Gratefulness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2egMSliB8DE>