

## Participating in Worship Today

Pianist:	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders:	Steven & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Marilyn Frye
Ushers:	Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager
Reader:	Barb Schmidt
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Communion Bread:	Aimee Gauger
Serving Communion:	Steven & Kelly Brumm
Dishwashers:	Pat Leavenworth, Lorna Brookins &&
Ministers:	All the people
Youth Ministry Director:	Mary Penninga
Pastor:	Brad Brookins

Up

Way

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All

### *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***

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

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

Greeting

Into Silence

Prelude

*Be Thou My Vision*

1<sup>st</sup> Song

*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Song

*Help Somebody*

\* Prayer

Gracious God, we are a people created by your love, formed by the words of Jesus and breathed into life by your Spirit. We live in a world that has forgotten its Creator, is being formed by hatred and no longer breathes life to any who live here. We pray together for our world, for our neighbors, for our enemies, for our leaders; and we pray for ourselves. Work in us the miracle of grace and justice so we can be a people who live out grace and justice on behalf of our damaged and dangerous world. Give us peace, 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

Original Goodness

When life was simple  
And good...

Offertory

*Jesus, Name above All Names*

\* Response

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God, in this world of much abundance there is still much need. Day by day, open the hearts of your people to be generous with the grace, the goodness and the gifts you have given to us. Amen

1st Scripture

**Psalm 86. 8-13**

2nd Scripture

**Mark 6. 14-29**

Sermon

**The Table of Our Lord**

We are Invited

*Bread for Everyone*

**Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**  
*Every Time I Hear the Spirit*

\* Hymn #379

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

(vs. 1-3)

\* Benediction

*The love and affection of the angels be to you,  
The love and affection of the saints be to you,  
The love and affection of heaven be to you,  
To guard you and to cherish you.*

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**Welcome done right!**

**We share a communion meal of bread and wine** here every Sunday. In this church the communion table is open to everyone. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whatever brought you here, whatever you believe or don't believe, we want you to leave this place well fed and nurtured. When it's time to eat, please feel free to take your place at the table.

**And then 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 22, 2018**

Greeter: Florence Beutler

Ushers: Mark & Joyce Landmark

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader: Tisha Brown

Serving Communion: **Jeff Jenkins &**

Communion Bread: Gert Bigler

Dishwashers (**4 needed**): Jeff Jenkins, Tisha Brown, **&&**

**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 :)

**Brat Fry in August:** Just a reminder that our congregation will be hosting the second brat fry on Saturday, August 18 at the Shoe Box in Black Earth. A clipboard is being passed to enable signups for that event. Your participation is encouraged, welcomed and *needed*. Please see Phil Leavenworth if you have any questions. Thanks!

## **Monthly Offering Update:**

July Total Budget: \$ 6,159.00

July Collected to date: \$ 2,560.00

## **Totals for Year:**

Offering budget end-of-July: \$ 57,420.00

Offering collected to date: \$ 52,532.00

## Original Goodness

When life was simple  
And good,  
I knew without a doubt  
That I was good and beautiful.  
I knew without a doubt  
That I was loving and caring.  
I knew without a doubt  
That I was loved and accepted just the way I was.

When life was simple and good, I was  
unaware  
and unafraid  
and full of joy  
and gratitude

Because life was simply good.