

Participating in Worship Today

Guest Pianist:	Steve Slack
Song Leaders:	Steven & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Palmer & Lydia Haynes
Ushers:	Pete & Delores Way
Reader:	Mary Lou Kollath
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Communion Bread:	Phil Leavenworth
Serving Communion:	Daniel Leavenworth & Tisha Brown
Dishwashers:	Pete Way, Phil Leavenworth &&
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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**“It's tough to make
predictions, especially
about the future.”**

— Yogi Berra

**“The best way to predict
the future is to create it.”**

— Peter Drucker



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is an Open and Affirming Congregation.
Welcome done right*

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2018

Greeting

Into Silence

Prelude

The Solid Rock

*** 1st Song**

For the Beauty of the Earth

*** Prayer**

Creator God, who blesses those who hunger for justice and cares for those who thirst for clean water; who commends those who provide the the least and the last and whose heart breaks for the lost and forgotten — break open our hearts to care for this world as you do. Teach us to cherish each delicate plant and endangered animal; each orphaned child and threatened, fearful adult. Free us from the fear that hides behind walls. Grant us courage to open wide the doors we pray. Amen.

*** Promise**

Anyone, which means everyone, who is in Christ has become a new creation. The old is finished and gone. Everything has become new. By God's grace we are called, forgiven and made whole...

Thanks be to God!

...And so we sing!

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem
(sung 3 times)*

Story Box

What's Happening!

Offering

The Summer Day

Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?...

Offertory

Be Still My Soul

*** Response**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above you heavenly host
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** 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 who live always *by* your grace and *for* those you love we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

1st Scripture

Isaiah 40. 6-11

2nd Scripture

Joel 2. 28-32

Sermon

The Table of Our Lord

We are Invited

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

*** Hymn**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

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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 nourished. 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 August 12, 2018

Greeter: Harland Erfurth

Ushers: Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader: Margy Murray

Serving Communion: ??

Communion Bread: Gert Bigler

Dishwashers (4 needed): Dumont & Barbara Schmidt
Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager

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 :)

Monthly Offering Status:

July Budget: \$ 6,159 July Collected: \$ 7,760

Offering budget end-of-July: \$ 57,420

Offering collected in July: \$ 57,731

A/C Project Still Needed: \$3,400

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.

I won't be with you today. I'm out with my family listening to a waterfall. I want you all to know how much my family and I appreciated the time and effort put into Larry's funeral. The service was perfect and the luncheon was wonderful. I know it took many hands working together to accomplish it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know Larry is smiling, knowing how much he was loved by all who knew him in any way--big or small. I don't know what I would do without my church family. You have been so supportive through this whole time.

In Christ's love, Judy Hale

From the Constitution of the Mt Vernon United Church Christ:

Responding to the grace of God, the Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. We welcome all persons, including those of all races, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, family structures, faith backgrounds, abilities and economic circumstances. We recognize all people as children of God, welcome all people to worship and serve with us and consider all who come to be a necessary part of this fellowship with all its privileges and responsibilities.

Clothes Closet to Provide Free School Supplies

The Mount Horeb Community Clothes Closet's school supplies drive is shifting into high gear! Consider a donation of materials or funding to ensure all area kids have access to the items they need to start school on the right foot.

You can drop off supplies at our location at 102 E. Lincoln St. on our upcoming open date: Saturday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. Or, you can coordinate a delivery with your church's Clothes Closet liaison.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, send a check to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb at 315 E. Main St., Mount Horeb, WI, 53572. Be sure to cite "Community Clothes Closet school supplies drive" with your donation.

Your generous donations allow us to offer free backpacks and school supplies to children in need. These items will be distributed at the Clothes Closet on:

Thursday, Aug. 9 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Children from the Mount Horeb, Barneveld and Wisconsin Heights school districts, as well as surrounding districts, can select grade-appropriate materials — everything from pens and pencils to colored pencils, erasers and notebooks.

If you'd like to be part of our volunteer-driven organization, or learn more about the Clothes Closet, visit our Facebook page, contact coordinator Amy Gordon at cclothescloset@gmail.com or call 437-6114.

Thanks for your support!

Isaiah 40. 6-11

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Joel 2. 28-32

Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood
and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to
darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible
day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and
among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls. The

The Summer Day

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up
and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and
complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes
her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the
fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?
—Mary Oliver