

Participating in Worship Today

Pianist:	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders:	Steven & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager
Ushers:	Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager
Reader:	Mary Lou Kollath
Audio Tech:	Scott Holmstrom
Communion Bread:	Aimee Gauger
Serving Communion:	Deb Anderson & Scott Holmstrom
Dishwashers:	Deb Anderson; 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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In praise of the long haul...

To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup,
Whenever you're wrong, admit it;
Whenever you're right, shut up.

Ogden Nash



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is an Open and Affirming Congregation.*

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2018

Greeting

Into Silence

Prelude *Give Me Jesus*

*** 1st Song** *The Age to Come*

*** Prayer**

Your Spirit has called us into this place this morning, faithful God, and we have come as your people to offer worship and praise. Though we are not all we could be, and this week we have not done all we should have done, yet we come, relying on your grace, seeking the rest you have created us to enjoy. Open our eyes to the wonders of Creation; our lungs to the fresh air of your Spirit; our our hearts to the beauty of your people everywhere. Bring peace to your world on this day for peace. Amen.

*** Promise**

Anyone 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! (Give us Peace)

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

What's Happening!

Offering from **The Prophet** Kahlil Gibran

*Think not you can direct the course of love,
for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course...*

Offertory *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*** 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)**

We are grateful: for our daily bread and your boundless love; for our enduring friendships and your amazing grace; for our generous community and your abundant earth. And we are mindful: of the needs of our neighbors and your concern for those neighbors; of the beauty of our planet home and its fragility in our hands. Make us good stewards, Generous God, of all you have placed in our care we pray. Amen.

1st Scripture **Song of Solomon 8: 6,7**

Beautiful Things Steve & Kelly Brumm

2nd Scripture **I Corinthians 13: 4-13**

Sermon

The Table of Our Lord

We are Invited *At This Table*

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

*** Hymn** *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

*** Benediction**

May the road rise up to meet 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 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 September 16, 2018

Greeter: Florence Beutler

Ushers: Pete & Delores Way

Audio Tech: Scott Holmstrom

Reader: Margy Murray

Serving Communion: Deb Anderson &

Communion Bread: Judy Hale

Dishwashers (**4 needed**): Deb Anderson, Kate Franzman,
Brian Simmert &

Our Fall/Winter schedule begins this Sunday, September 9. The worship service will begin that day at 10:15 a.m.. The adult Bible Study class will meet around the kitchen table at 9 a.m. This Sunday the kids start their morning downstairs with Judy Hale and Jess Stoll.

Our special guest speaker this Sunday is Sue Huntenburg. Sue is a retired school teacher from Mt Horeb. Telling her own story, She will talk about the meaning of marriage, the importance of commitment and the value of a decades long relationship. Please give Sue our warmest Mt Vernon welcome.

TONIGHT! **Our the 1st Annual Youth Sponsored Brat Fry, Watermelon Feed and Marshmallow Roast** to be held in our church back yard starting at 6 pm. Ya Gotta Eat Anyway, so come join in the food and fun.

Monthly Offering Status:

September Budget: \$ 8,909 September Collected: \$ 2,613

Totals for Year:

Offering budget end-of-September: \$ 73,493

Offering collected year-to-date: \$ 67,284

A/C Project Pledged: \$10,110

A/C Pledges collected: \$9,800

Sunday School Reminder (for children K thru 6th grade): On the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of a month the kids are in the sanctuary with their parents until after the Story Box time with the pastor. Following the story they are downstairs with Mary Penninga, returning to the sanctuary for communion. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of a month they start out their activities at 10:15 downstairs, returning to the sanctuary in time for communion. If you have any questions about the program talk to Mary Penninga or Judy Hale. Thanks for sharing your children with us!

Welcome Done Right

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.

If this doesn't include you let us know and we will enlarge our welcome.