

Participating in Worship Today

Organ/Piano:	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders:	Steven & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Mary Lou Kollath
Ushers:	Mark & Joyce Landmark
Reader:	Palmer Haynes
Audio Tech:	Scott Holmstrom
Communion Bread:	Gert Bigler
Serving Communion:	Margy Murray & Scott Holmstrom
Dishwashers:	Deb Anderson Palmer & Lydia Haynes
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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is an Open and Affirming Congregation.*

Welcome done right!

...the least of these...

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

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2018

Greeting

Into Silence

Prelude *Simple Gifts*

1st Song *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

* 2nd Song *God on the Mountain*

* 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

Jeremiah 17: 7-9

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; they shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Offertory

Sanctuary

* 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

Deuteronomy 15. 7-8; 10,11

2nd Scripture

Matthew 25: 34-46

Sermon

The Table of Our Lord

We are Invited

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

* 3rd Song

Help Somebody Today

* 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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We share a Communion Meal together every Sunday during the worship service. No matter who you are, where you come from, why you are here, what you believe or don't believe—you are welcome at the table. Please come.

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 1, 2018

Greeter: Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager

Ushers: Palmer & Lydia Haynes

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader: Margy Murray

Dishwashers (**four needed**): Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager;
Deb Anderson

The 4th of July Dinner and Silent Auction are on the horizon and approaching fast. 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 :)