

Participating in Worship Today

Piano:	Julie von Eschen
Special Music:	Harland Erfurth, Tisha Brown, Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Phil & Pat Leavenworth
Ushers:	Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager
Readers:	Phil Leavenworth, Britta Johnson
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Serving Communion:	Jeff Jenkins &
Coffee Hour:	Potluck!!
Ministers:	All the people
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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen

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Blessed!!

!!Crucify!!

...forgive...



*The Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ is an
Open and Affirming Congregation*

Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ
Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9, 2017

Greetings and Announcements

Silence

Prelude *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Offering: *Old maps no longer work* **Joyce Rupp, OSM**

...I will walk deeper
into the dark of my night.
I will wait for the stars...

Offertory *The Old Rugged Cross*
Harland Erfurth

*** Praise Response**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* **Prayer:** Open our hearts, Loving God, to your generous grace. Open our hands to be generous and gracious. Make use of our gifts and our lives to benefit the world and the people you love, we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

“...blessed is the king...” **Luke 19. 29-40**

* **Song:** #234 *All Glory Laud and Honor*
(Please stand and sing as the children bring in the palms)

The first last supper **Luke 22. 14-23**

Come, eat and drink

Gethsemane **Luke 22. 39-46**

Song: *If It Be Your Will*
Tisha Brown, Steve & Kelly Brumm, Julie von Eschen

*** Prayer of Confession**

We know, in our own hearts, loving God that we, too, would have slept through Jesus' time of prayer and run away in his time of trial. We cannot pretend to be more faithful than Peter or more constant than John; we know too well who we are. We see ourselves in the story and we are left clinging to your grace, relying on your mercy. Forgive us, we pray, in the name of the one who loves us anyway, Jesus Christ. Amen

***Song:** #250 *What Wondrous Love*

*** Assurance of Forgiveness** *(from Psalm 130)*

Our hope is in you, O LORD! For with you there is steadfast love, and great power to save. It is the LORD God who will save us from all our wrongdoing.

Thanks be to God

Tried and Convicted **Luke 23. 13-25**

Song: #299 *Amazing Grace*
Tisha Brown

Crucified **Luke 23. 26, 32-34**

Song: *Like a Tramp on the Street*
Steve & Kelly Brumm

Clearing the Sanctuary

Song: *Were You There*

Sermon **Forgive who?**

* **Song:** #238 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

Benediction

Postlude

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An Open and Affirming Congregation



Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:

- Jon and Marijane Beutler and boys
- Ed Ristow (Charmaine Ristow's brother) dealing with Alzheimer's
- Roger Stoll dealing with continuing medical issues.
- Donna Stoll, recovering from surgery
- Don Losenegger in Veterans Hospital

Serving in Worship on Easter, April 16, 2016

Ushers: Palmer & Lydia Haynes

Greeter: Tisha Brown

Reader: Barbara Schmidt

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Serving Communion: ***

Coffee Hour: Easter Breakfast

The **Easter Breakfast** signup sheet will circulate again this morning. Please add your name where appropriate and then plan on coming for some really good food. Invite your friends. They will thank you forever!

Our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service (*A Service of Gathering Shadows*) will be held at 7:00 P.M on Thursday, March 24. The Lenten season is coming to a close and Holy Week is upon us. This service is an important stopping point in our journey to Easter morning. Please join us if you are able.

The **Mt Horeb Community Good Friday** service will be at the Methodist church this year. The service begins at 1:00 p.m.

Annual Easter Breakfast--serving from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

On the breakfast menu this year:

Scratch made pancakes – sourdough, whole grain, gluten free

Real Wisconsin butter

Real Wisconsin maple syrup

Organic egg bakes

Sausage

Milk, juice and Fair Trade coffee

Really Good Company

Followed by our Easter Celebration at 10:15. This is a very good day to invite your friends and family to your church.

There will be no adult Sunday School on Easter morning

Our new Web Site has gone live. Check it out at www.mtvernonucc.org We will continue developing the site over the next few weeks and would appreciate your opinion and feedback. Thanks to the tech team for all their hard work.

Here's a look ahead to a summer event—The dates for the 2017 Brat Fry events have been set. They are July 15 and August 12. If you have been part of the crew in the past and want to do so again, please put these dates in your calendar. More info to come.

From the Endowment Committee: For your viewing pleasure, here's a web site with a slide show describing the fund where the Endowment Committee has invested the church's endowment money. <http://ucfunds.org/2017/04/united-church-funds-2016-annual-report/>

The All Church Clean Up Day is set for April 22nd. Watch for the sign up sheet . We have much work to do!

Old maps no longer work

I keep pulling it out -
the old map of my inner path.
I squint closely at it,
trying to see some hidden road
that maybe I've missed,
but there's nothing there now
except some well-traveled paths.
they have seen my footsteps often,
held my laughter, caught my tears.

I keep going over the old map
but now the roads lead nowhere,
a meaningless wilderness
where life is dull and futile.

“toss away the old map,” she says
“you must be kidding!” I reply.
she looks at me with Sarah eyes
and repeats, “toss it away.
it's of no use where you're going.”

I have to have a map!” I cry,
“even if it takes me nowhere.
I can't be without direction.”
“but you are without direction,”
she says, “so why not let go, be free?”

so there I am – tossing away the old map,
sadly fearfully, putting it behind me.
“whatever will I do?” wails my security
“trust me” says my midlife soul.

no map, no specific directions,
no “this way ahead” or “take a left” .
how will I know where to go?
how will I find my way? no map!
but then my midlife soul whispers:
“there was a time before maps
when pilgrims traveled by the stars.”

It is time for the pilgrim in me
to travel in the dark,
to learn to read the stars
that shine in my soul.
I will walk deeper
into the dark of my night.
I will wait for the stars.
trust their guidance.
and let their light be enough for me.

Joyce Rupp, OSM