

Participating in Worship Today

Piano:	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders:	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Gert Williams
Ushers:	Jim & Karen Fletcher
Reader:	Jeff Jenkins
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Communion Bread:	Gert Williams
Serving Communion:	Deb Anderson &
Dishwashers:	Deb Anderson, Judy Hale
Counting Crew:	Palmer & Lydia Haynes
Youth Ministry:	Mary Penninga
Ministers:	All the people
Pastor:	Brad Brookins



Justice, in every cup...

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 The Evil.

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

Amen

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Mt Vernon United Church of Christ
5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

Greeting

Silence

Prelude

Beautiful Things

Bringing in the Light

1st Song

Children of the Heavenly Father

2nd Song

Abide with Me

* Prayer

Creating God, even today, as so much is being destroyed and so much is being lost, remind us to love. Break open our hearts for every thing you have made and given into our care—every person, plant and animal; the the soil, water and air on which all life depends. Through these broken open hearts, may your will be done by us on earth as it is by you in heaven; and may the destruction of your Creation cease. Before it is too late, make us instruments of your peace in this world you love, we pray. Amen

* The Promise

Here is the gospel—the good news: God loves this world; God has redeemed this world; God is re-making this world. In this *we* are being made whole, and for this we all say—

Thanks be to God!

On the wings of a snow, white dove

God sends this pure, sweet love

A sign from above, on the wings of a dove

What's Happening

Offering

Mysteries, Yes!

Mary Oliver

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous
to be understood...

Offertory

All That We Have

* Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!*

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

We are grateful, Gracious God for this abundant earth. And we are grateful you have called us to work for its benefit and improvement. By your generous and caring Spirit make us, each day, into a more generous and caring people we pray. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Micah 6. 6-8

2nd Scripture Reading

Amos 5 (selections)

Sermon

The Table

We are invited

Bread for Everyone

One Bread, One Body

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray...

* Hymn

God Bless the Air

Benediction

A Blessed Day

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May this be to you a blessed day

May all good & kindness, come your way

May your faith and friendships ever be true

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Serving in Worship on February 16, 2020

Greeter: Judy Hale

Ushers:

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader: Beth Albert

Communion Bread: Kelly Brumm

Serving Communion: Judy Hale & Margy Murray

Counting Crew: Barbara & DuMont Schmidt

Dishwashers: Phil Leavenworth, Beth Albert

Every Sunday we share the Communion meal during our worship service. In this church *absolutely everyone* is welcome and encouraged to come to the table to taste the bread and wine. So whoever you are, whatever you believe, or don't believe, whatever brought you here this morning, please come to the table.

And after church upstairs we re-convene downstairs around the dining tables for Mt Vernon's *Church 2.0*—perhaps the finest potluck brunch in Dane County, if not the entire state. Everyone is invited, of course, but if you are visiting with us today we offer a special invitation. There is always plenty of food, so don't be shy. Come and eat.

BRUNCH BONUS TODAY! During the brunch today, our guest speaker will present a short seminar on choosing and brewing good coffee that will include a taste testing opportunity for your enjoyment.

Little Free Pantry - Thank you to all who have contributed nonperishable/prepackaged food, personal care items, and paper goods. Items continue to run out fairly quickly so remember the pantry your next grocery store visit. Whatever you can bring is greatly appreciated!

Offering Update

February Budget: \$7,030 Collected: \$1,930

Totals for Year:

End-of-February Budget: \$14,060 Year-to-Date Collected: \$12,553

Last Month-End:

Offering Budget End-of-January: \$7,030

Offering collected as of January 31: \$10,623 (151%) includes \$5,000 in donations budgeted in March

Today we have a guest speaker for the latest installment in our occasional series featuring people who come to us with a unique story to tell. Jacob Casella Brookins (son-in-law to Lorna and Brad, by the way) manages an Intelligentsia Coffee Shop in downtown Chicago. He is passionate about both the quality of the coffee he sells and about participating in ways of farming that protect the earth and ways of buying that pay the growers a fair price for their product. There is justice to be found in every cup, you see, when the beans are grown with care, the farmers treated with respect and we all buy and drink responsibly.

In his spare time Jake is also a philosopher, a writer and a voracious reader of the best in Science Fiction. Please give him our warmest Mt Vernon welcome.

The Mt Vernon United Church of Christ Welcome:

Responding to the grace of God, the Mt Vernon United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. We welcome all persons— 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.



Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in God's bosom gather;
Nesting bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own does tend and nourish
In God's holy courts they flourish
From all evil things God spares them
And in mighty arms will bear them

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord these children sever
Unto them this grace is shown
And their sorrows all are known

God may give or God may take
But God never will forsake
Through the darkness, in our pain
God will guide us home again

Carolina Sandell, 1855
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Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories fade away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changes not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1847
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(Prelude) *Beautiful Things*
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(Offertory) *All That We Have*
Lyrics: Gary Ault; Arr: Gary Dangle, 1969
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(Communion Invitation)

Bread for Everyone

Welcome to the party here
Come as you are and don't be scared
Bring your emptiness, your longing and your fear.

Gather in from everyplace
Hungry for a taste of grace
There is room for everybody to draw near

We are here now — Invitation!
Here now — Celebration!
Here now — Bread for Everyone!

Everyone has gifts to share
Miracles are everywhere
Trusting in the promises of God

We are here now — Invitation!
Here now — Celebration!
Here now — Bread for Everyone

Longing...Belonging at this table
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We are here now — Invitation!
Here now — Celebration!
Here now — Bread for Everyone

----- Bread for everyone

Words and music for this song were written as a collaborative effort of those attending the Shift Music Conference in Green Lake, WI in 2013.
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(Communion Song) *One Bread, One Body*

John Foley, 1978

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God Bless the Air

God bless the air we breathe;
With us your breath inspire.
That we may love what we can't see;
And share your heart's desire.

God bless the rivers wide
And bless the falling snow.
May waters be forever fresh
and fountains ever flow.

God bless all living forms
That move upon the earth.
May we in love defend their lives
May we their place preserve.

God bless all growing things
That anchor in the soil.
Make us the stewards of their home;
And fruitful in our toil.

God bless all little ones
You place within our care
And may we make the morning safe
For children everywhere.

Lyrics: Brad Brookins, 2019

Tune: St Thomas, 1763 Public Domain

A Blessed Day (Benediction)

May this be to you a blessed day
May all good & kindness, come your way
May your faith and friendships ever be true
May the love of God rain down on you
May the love of God rain down....on you

Steven & Kelly Brumm, 2019

Micah 6.6-8

‘With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Mysteries, Yes!

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous
to be understood.

How grass can be nourishing in the
mouths of the lambs.

How rivers and stones are forever
in allegiance with gravity

while we ourselves dream of rising.

How two hands touch and the bonds
will never be broken.

How people come, from delight or the
scars of damage,

to the comfort of a poem.

Let me keep my distance, always, from those
who think they have the answers.

Let me keep company always with those who say
"Look!" and laugh in astonishment,
and bow their heads.

Mary Oliver