

## Participating in Worship Today

Piano & Organ	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Mary Dowling
Ushers:	Judy Edwards & Jeff Jenkins
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Reader:	Margy Murray
Communion Bread:	Beth Albert
Serving Communion:	Scott & Janelle Holmstrom
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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What about them  
Canaanites, Hittites,  
Amorites, Perizzites,  
Hivites, and Jebusites?



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# Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost!!

October 1, 2017

Greeting  
Silence

Prelude *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Bringing in the Light

1<sup>st</sup> Song *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Song *Go Down Moses*

\* Prayer

Gracious God, we are a people created by your love, formed by the words of Jesus and breathed into life by your Spirit. We live in a world that has forgotten its Creator, is being formed by hatred and no longer breathes life to anyone. We pray together for our world, for our neighbors, for our enemies, for our leaders; and we pray for ourselves. Work in us the miracle of grace and justice so we can be a people who live out grace and justice on behalf of our damaged and dangerous world. Give us peace, we pray. Amen.

L: Isaiah 43. 1-4

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine...

*By God's grace today we are forgiven and made whole, and so we all say:*

***Thanks be to God!***

*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.*

The Story Box

Offering

*A Bush*

Alison Brookins

...I pull off my sandals.  
Step onto holy ground  
hear a singing in my soles  
the cold burning eternity of soil....

Offertory

*Be the Centre*

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

\* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God, in this world of so much abundance there is still so much need. Day by day, open the hearts of your people to be generous with the grace, the goodness and the gifts you have given to us. Amen

1st Scripture Reading

Exodus 2. 23-25; 3. 7,8,10

*Take Your Shoes Off Moses*

Tisha Brown, Steve & Kelly Brumm, Steve & Beth Albert

2nd Scripture Reading

Exodus 3. 7-10

*"...and when God speaks things happen, worlds are created, truth is heard."*

Sermon

***The Table***

We are invited

*This Table*

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*(The Lord's Prayer is printed on the back of your bulletin)*

\* Hymn

*Gather us In*

\* Benediction

*Let the Lord's light shine...*

Postlude

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***Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:***

Victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Katia, Jose and Maria, and especially the people of Puerto Rico another Caribbean islands

Victims of the smoke and fires out west

Donna & Roger Stoll; Brad and Jessica Stoll

Liz Klopotic recovering from knee surgery

Fontaine family. Burr's father died on September 23

*If you would like to submit a name or concern for this prayer list please call or email the church office. Thanks.*

**Serving in Worship on October 1, 2017**

Greeter: Harland Erfurth

Ushers: Tom & Ruth Dobson

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader:

Communion Bread: Julie McGregor

Serving Communion: Julie & Leon McGregor

Coffee Hour: POTLUCK!!

**Remember—we are continuing our experiment** with POTLUCK!!! coffee hours for the next few months. As always, bring a little of what you have and all will be well fed. If you aren't able to bring something for any reason, please stay and eat anyway. **If you are visiting with us we hope you will be our guest.** You will likely leave repeating our "brag line" — *"the finest coffee hour in Dane County"*.

**Monday October 2nd** we will begin October sessions of Every Body Yoga. Held in the church basement at noon this class is for both

beginners and seasoned practitioners of yoga. This Hatha Yoga practice is breath focused and meditative. \$5.00 per session. Sessions this are 75 minutes, wrapping up at 1:15. Everyone is welcome!

**From Mary Lou Kollath:**

As everyone knows, this is quilt raffle ticket selling time. Because I am usually in the kitchen on Sunday mornings, helping set up for the potluck, no one is sitting at the table, selling those tickets. It's a "do it yourself" kind of thing, so help yourself, mark your name on the sheet, and how many tickets you've bought.. I am trusting you to put the correct amount of money in the plastic box holding the cash. Take change if necessary. Tickets cost \$1 each, or you can get 6 for \$5. A real deal! The winning ticket will be drawn the first Sunday in November. Thank you.

**Clothes Closet Liaison Found**—Lori Burns has volunteered to serve as the liaison between the Mt. Horeb Community Clothes Closet and Mt Vernon UCC. Thanks Lori for your willingness to serve. We will look forward to helping her in any way we can.

**From Mary Penninga to everyone** who helped (and will help next time) with Waffle Church:

Thank you all **SO** much for the many ways you support our new Waffle Church program. Waffle Church happens because you are willing to be Waffle Chefs, donate cupcake making supplies, and give your support! The waffles were absolutely delicious. Thanks to your donations of cupcakes, frosting, and decorating supplies Waffle Church attendees had a fabulous time making beautiful cupcakes that Seniors in Mt Horeb got to eat with their Monday lunch. Thank you for making this possible!

**HELP NEEDED FOR OCT. 15 WAFFLE CHURCH**

For the next Waffle Church we need your help in collecting small, clean glass jars with lids for the craft. Please check your recycle bin for glass baby food jars, mustard jars, pint canning jars, etc. with labels cleaned off. Please bring them to church anytime. We are also looking for donations of glycerin and small plastic animal figurines. Thank you in advance!

**The offering for hurricane relief**, to date, has totaled \$985.00. Thank you for your generosity. Remember the need continues, and in Puerto Rico grows worse.

A bush,  
an unenthusiastic scraggle holding tight to rock and earth, burns.  
Tiptoe flames, buds open burning lips on songs that fires sing.  
They sing, but don't devour.

**Moses.**

I am here.

**Come no closer.**

**Take the sandals from your feet.**

**Put your toes into the mud**

**let it form in you a long-forgotten smile**

**'til you feel again the edges of delight**

**Moses. My child. How could I have lost you?**

**You are on holy ground.**

I pull off my sandals.

Step onto holy ground

hear a singing in my soles

the cold burning eternity of soil.

**Moses. I am the God of your fathers and mothers...**

I hide my face from the heat and the eyes of flame, sinking down,  
floating in this womb, this voice, my God.

**You are mine.**

**I see the misery of my people.**

**I know the cruelty of the overseers.**

**I feel the pinch of muscle under brick**

**spines twisted before their time**

**bowing to the god of afflicting wealth**

**the god of always more, more, more,**

**the god who fears laughter.**

**I hear the sobbing to be free and I am here.**

**This is holy ground.**

**Now I am pulling you out, singling you among my children**

**Go to Pharaoh; pull my people out of Egypt.**

The voice throbs, squeezes, drowns.

I am pulled out, born through icy sand.

Raw and new I stand before my God.