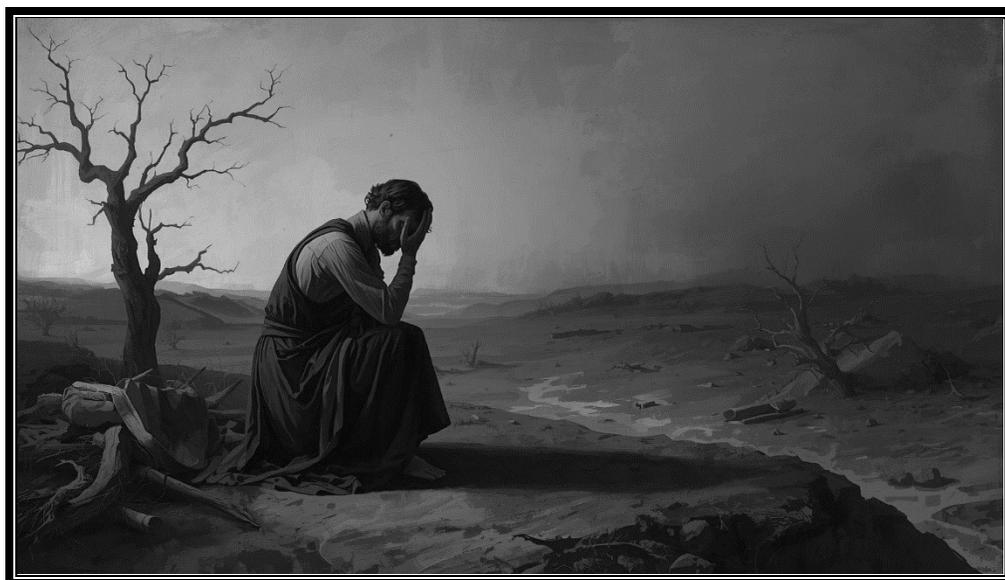


Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

Where All the People are Ministers of Christ

Our vision is to seek to live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to nurture persons of all ages and circumstances for faithful discipleship, and to transform faith into service to others.



“When Bad Things Happen”

March 1, 2026

Reverend Dennis Morgan

7801 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168

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Adult Sunday School begins at 9:15am.

Welcome to our worship service! Mt. Vernon has been worshipping our Lord and serving the Greater Williamsburg Community since 1887. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.

*** Please stand, as you are able.**

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:15am

“When Bad Things Happen”

Worship Leader

Suzanne Latimer

*Please stand as you are able. Please read in Unison in **Bold**.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude and Meditation

Organist, Carol Kendall

Pastor’s Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection

In Jesus Christ, all are welcome here. No person created by God is turned away. Welcome, people of God!

*Introit

UMH #657

“This Is the Day”

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Leader: When the Lord seems far away,

People: may we place our faith in God.

Leader: When God’s face is hidden from us,

People: may we place our trust in God’s steadfast love.

Leader: When our souls bear the pain of earthly trials,

People: may we seek God’s strength, lest we break.

Leader: Let us place our trust in God’s goodness and mercy.

People: Our hearts rejoice in God’s salvation!

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of pain and suffering, embrace us in our need.

As we enter this house of worship, you know our deepest needs, and you help us embrace our sincerest hopes.

Live in us this day, and quicken our spirits, that we may rise above the storms that threaten to overcome us.

We ask this in the name of the one who came to bring us abundant life. AMEN

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #367

“He Touched Me”

Children’s Message

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Psalm 13:1,2, 5a

Prayers of the People and the Church

Rev. Dennis Morgan

*The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Hymn of Meditation

UMH #269

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“When Bad Things Happen”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

“Shelter Me”

Passing of the Peace (pastor):

During the storms of life, let us show our gratitude for our source of strength and courage by sharing the peace of Christ with one another.

Service of Communion:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Gracious Lord, in tribute and thanks for your manifold blessings, we offer you what we have in certain hope of your abiding love. AMEN

*Doxology:

UMH #95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration

UMH #370

“Victory in Jesus”

*Benediction (responsive):

Leader: Even when the Lord seems far away, and our faith is sorely tested,

People: we will put our trust in God’s steadfast love.

Leader: Even when our souls bear the pain of earthly trials, and our strength seems to slip away,

People: we will trust God’s goodness and mercy.

Leader: Even when we question God’s presence in our lives, and our hearts feel heavy with fear,

People: we go forth as those sanctified with eternal life.

Leader: Go with God. AMEN

Postlude

Announcements/Missions

- **Community Lenten Services:** The Wednesday, March 4 service will be held at New Zion Baptist Church, 3991 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg. The speaker is Rev. Richard Cline from Olive Branch Christian Church. Hospitality at 6 pm, Service begins at 7 pm.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 am and 6:30 pm, Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall all are welcome.
- **Choir:** Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Dennis' office hours are Monday 3p-6p and Tuesday 10a-1p. In addition, Pastor Dennis can meet *by appointment* at other times throughout the week. Pastor Contact Information:

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