

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.



“By His Wounds You Have Been Healed”

May 3, 2026

Reverend Dennis Morgan

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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**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:15am

“By His Wounds You Have Been Healed”

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

How we respond to cultural, social, or political power over us is a reflection upon what it means to be Christian. We respond with the integrity of our actions and through our awareness that we are living in service to God.

*Introit

UMH #601

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek.

It is written – the, meek shall inherit the earth.

We are told to forgive not 7 times, but 77 times.

We forgive others as God has forgiven us.

Scripture tells us that vengeance is God's alone.

We will remain humble as we pass through this realm. AMEN

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Lord God, you are witness to all that happens in this world. You see all of the struggles we face and the obstacles we must overcome. Strengthen us to face this world and to make it a better place. Inspire our worship, that in this time we may deepen our faith and place our trust in you. AMEN

*Hymn of Praise
"It Is Well With My Soul"

UMH #377

Children's Message

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson
1 Peter 2:19-25

Rev. Dennis Morgan

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
"The Gift of Love"

UMH #408

The Message
"By His Wounds You Have Been Healed"

Rev. Dennis Morgan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music
"We Have Come This Far By Faith"

The Choir

Passing of the Peace (pastor):

Having received mercy and love from God, let's share mercy and love with one another - now, and in the days ahead.

Service of Communion:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

God of Love and Mercy, bless the gifts we offer this morning, that they may bring your message of faith, love, and hope to the world. Bless us also, that we may be steadfast and true in our giving and in our living.

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 #593

“Here I Am, Lord”

*Benediction (responsive):

Even as God sends us into the world, Christ has prepared the way.

Following Christ, we go to serve and love with faith and hope. AMEN

Postlude

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The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025, Abingdon Press

The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospel for Christian Preachers and Teachers, Liturgical Press

The Daily Study Bible commentary series, Westminster Press

The New Interpreter's Bible commentary series, Abingdon Press

Announcements/Missions

- **Reception for Carol Kendall:** please stay after the service to attend a farewell reception for our beloved Music Director, Carol Kendall.
- **The Jewell Bryant Circle:** will meet on Monday, May 4 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **2026 Membership Directory from Vanda White:** We are excited to begin preparations to welcome the Reverend Meghan Roth Clayton as Mount Vernon's new pastor this summer! To help her to learn names and faces quickly, part of our welcome package will be an updated church membership pictorial directory. We last updated our church directory in the summer of 2024.

I'll be taking photographs for the new directory during the month of May after worship services in the Fellowship Hall. If your picture is already in the current directory and you would like a new one, please see me. If I don't hear from you, I'll assume that you want to use the same picture.

If you are new to our church and would like me to take your picture, please catch me after worship! If you already have a favorite portrait that you prefer to use, you may send it to me via email, as long as it has a good resolution.

I will get updated addresses and contact information from the church office, so please make sure that Ellyn has your latest data. My goal is to have the directory printed and ready to distribute by the time Pastor Meghan arrives. Thanks for your help!

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