

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.



“Worthy of Our Calling”

May 10, 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

10:15am

“Worthy of Our Calling”

Worship Leader

Jeanne Fulks

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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude and Meditation

Nita Scarlett, Guest Pianist

Pastor's Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection

Just as Paul called on the Ephesians to bring about peace through humility, meekness, endurance, and love, we, too, are called by Christ. It is up to us to show ourselves worthy, just as Christ asked of Paul, just as Paul asked of the Ephesians.

*Introit

UMH #658

“This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”

*Affirmation

UMH #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. AMEN

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Come, Spirit of God. We await your presence in our time of worship, trusting in your abiding promises. Refresh and renew our faith this day, that we may experience anew your promise of forgiveness and the blessings of a faithful community. AMEN

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #558

“We Are the Church”

Children’s Message

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Ephesians 4:1-16

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 #382

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“Worthy of Our Calling”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Passing of the Peace (pastor):

Let us share signs of peace and reconciliation with one another – peace, as promised through the Holy Spirit.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

God of Love, we are called to care for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let us bless them through the tithes and offerings that we make today. Move us to generosity. 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 #369
"Blessed Assurance"

*Benediction (responsive):

Once we searched for greater knowledge of God and of God's will for us.

Now we reside with the knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

Once we lived as if God we far removed from us.

Now we begin each day in the presence of our Lord.

Once we faced insecurity about God's acceptance.

Now we rest secure in our salvation through Christ.

Postlude

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Announcements/Missions

- **From Carol Kendall:** I am truly grateful for the outpouring of love shown to me during this bittersweet time of retirement. These many years at Mt. Vernon have been the most wonderful of my life, making lifelong friends and special memories. Much love to all of you. In appreciation, Carol Kendall

- **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!

- **Bridge Group:** Bridge meets at 10 am and 6:30 pm, Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall all are welcome.
- **Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Dennis' office hours are Monday 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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Proclaiming Grace Outreach/St. Olaf's Food Pantry

- Box of Cereal**
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FISH Food Pantry

- Canned Tomato Products**
- Pasta/Spaghetti**
- Canned Tuna, Beef Stew**
- Pancake Mix/Syrup**
- Peanut Butter/Jelly**
- Canned Fruits**
- Canned Vegetables**
- Canned Soup**
- Laundry Detergent**
- Shampoo**
- Feminine Products (pads, tampons)**
- Deodorant**
- Toothpaste**
- Diapers**
- Pull Ups**