

# *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.***



*“Freely You Have Received, Freely Give*

June 21, 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

## Fourth Sunday After Pentacost

June 21, 2026

10:15am

“Freely You Have Received, Freely Give”

Worship Leader

Donna Wilson

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

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Lila O’Sullivan, Guest Musician

Pastor’s Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection (leader):

God has given much to us, and by God’s grace we are richly blessed. None here today are without the basic necessities of living. All of God’s generosity we have been given without being sent an invoice. We receive without pay, so let us give as God gives - *without demanding payment*.

\*Introit

UMH #370

“Victory in Jesus”

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Through many dangers, toils and snares

**we have already come.**

Through days of joy and nights of fear,

**we have traveled this far by faith.**

Through life, through death,

**Christ walks with us.**

We are not alone.

**thanks be to God!**

In this promise,

**let us worship God together.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Holy and Ever-Living God, be among us in our time of worship. Be present in our lives, that you may hear our prayers and speak to our souls. Give us your strength, that we may live all the days of our lives in steadfast faith and hope. AMEN**

\*Hymn of Praise

UMH #467

“Trust and Obey”

Children’s Message

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Matthew 9:25 - 10:8

Prayers of the People and the Church

\*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 #539

“O Spirit of the Living God”

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“Freely You Have Received, Freely Give”

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Passing of the Peace (pastor):

Just as we have received God’s peace through Christ Jesus, so now we are invited to offer God’s peace to one another

through the grace and love of Christ Jesus. May peace be the promise we offer to one another.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**Abundant God, we are grateful for the ways that you bless our lives and for the many gifts with which you have graced us. May our tithes and offerings this day help heal and restore our community so that all may flourish and contribute to the building of your Kingdom. 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):

Guided by God,

**we go into the world.**

Led by Christ Jesus,

**we go with love and grace.**

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit,

**...we go to make the world a better place.**

**AMEN and AMEN!**

Postlude

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## Announcements/Missions

- **Special Thanks:** A special thank you to Lila O'Sullivan for providing the music for today's service.
- **Charge Conference:** There will be a Called Charge Conference via Zoom on June 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm to approve moving pastor's salaries. Please contact Theresa Kaufman, S/PPR Chair for the link if you would like to attend the meeting. Thank you and God Bless!
- **Announcement from S/PPRC:** As a reminder, the Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee (S/PPRC) serves as a liaison between you, the congregation; the pastor; and the church staff. We welcome your feedback on matters pertaining to our church pastor and staff! We take feedback seriously and request that you provide your comments through a phone call or email message to our committee chair, Theresa Kaufman so that they may be given our full attention. We prefer these means of communication over discussing sensitive matters in or near the sanctuary where others may overhear. The church is God's house; we desire to be respectful and use only kind words to prevent hurt feelings. Thank you for your cooperation – we know you understand!
- **Third Sunday Fellowship:** Our usual third Sunday Fellowship will be held this month on the forth Sunday, June 28, 2026. Sadly this is Pastor Dennis' last Sunday; please plan to stay after service fellowship and yummy food.
- **Recycling:** We love when our congregation chooses to recycle! Please wash any bottle, can or jar before you put it in the green bin in the kitchen. We need your help to keep the creepy crawlies out of the kitchen.  
Thank you!

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- **Missions Outreach News:** On June 30th we will be furnishing 50 meals for the Grove Outreach Center. We will be doing meatball subs, salads and cookies. Help will be needed at 2:45 p.m. on the 30th to assemble the meals. The meatballs will be cooked, but rolls will need to be cut, cheese added and wrapped as well as salads packed to be transported to the center. Please let Fran know if you can help.
  
- **Memorial Service for Alan Palmer:** A memorial service for Alan Palmer will be held on Thursday, July 9 at 2:00 pm here at Mt Vernon UMC.
  
- **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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