

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.



“More Than Enough”

July 26, 2026

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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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Augusts 2, 2026

10:15am

“More Than Enough”

Worship Leader

Suzanne Latimer

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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Lila O’Sullivan, Guest Pianist

Pastor’s Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection (Leader):

As we gather around Christ's table, we witness God's abundant love, where all are invited, all are nourished, and there is always more than enough.

*Introit

UMH #558 (verse 1)

“We Are the Church”

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, all who hunger and thirst for God's presence.

We come, trusting God's invitation to receive abundant grace.

When we see only scarcity, God sees possibility.

When we bring what we have, God provides more than enough.

Come to the table where all are welcomed, all are fed, and all are loved.

We gather with grateful hearts to worship the God of abundance.

Let us worship the Lord!

With joy and thanksgiving, we praise God whose love never runs out. Amen.

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Generous God, we thank you for your abundant love and faithful provision. When we see only scarcity, you remind us that in Christ there is always more than enough. Fill our hearts with gratitude, strengthen us to serve others with joy, and help us share the blessings you have so freely given. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Suzanne Latimer

Isaiah 55:1-5

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

Matthew 14:13-21

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 #599

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

The Message

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

“More Than Enough”

Celebration of an Appointment

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committee to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Pastor Meghan in these ministries?

All: We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church.

We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us.

Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body.

May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only.

As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism gather at his table and then scatter into the world,

**may we be one in service to others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD]

Passing of the Peace (pastor):

As we celebrate this new chapter in our life together, let us share the peace of Christ that unites us as one body. May this peace strengthen our partnership in ministry and remind us that Christ goes before us in all we do.

Service of Communion

UMH #13

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):

Generous God, you have blessed us with more than enough through your love and grace. Receive these gifts, along with our hearts and lives, and use them to feed the hungry, bring hope to the weary, and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Bless our offering and our service, that all may know your abundant 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 #127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Benediction (responsive):

Go into the world trusting in God's abundant grace.

We go, grateful for all God has provided.

Share Christ's love with those who hunger for hope and peace.

We will serve with generous hearts and willing hands.

May the blessing of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—go with you now and always.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please join us after the service today in the Fellowship Hall where we will have a reception to welcome Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton.

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Announcements/Missions

- **Jewell Bryant Circle:** The next meeting of the Jewell Bryant Circle will be on Monday, August 3 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. There will be a brief meeting before we get started on crafts.
- **Volunteer(s) Needed:** Looking for someone that might feel led to head up a committee to prepare and serve a meal to the W&M Wesley Foundation on a Sunday evening during the upcoming school year. If you feel this might be something you would like to do, please contact Fran Delo and she will put you in touch with the pastor serving the Wesley Foundation.
- **Safer Sanctuaries Online Training:** This two-hour training provides a scriptural foundation for safeguarding our most vulnerable populations-children and the elderly. Participants will learn practical steps for creating safe environments and responding appropriately in the event of a safety concern. Held online Thursday, August 13th from 6:30-8:30 pm, the cost is \$5. Go to <https://bit.ly/4gBhFfA> to sign up.
- **Membership Directory:** We are still working on the updated membership directory. If you would like to be added or need to update your information please contact Ellyn in the office.
- **Bridge Group:** Bridge meets at 10 am and 6:30 pm, Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall all are welcome.
- **Cereal/Food Donations:** Food donations are encouraged year round! Food such as cereal are needed even more during the summer months as children don't have access to school provided breakfast/lunch. Consider picking up a box on your next shopping trip.