

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

Morning Worship: January 26, 2025, 10 a.m.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

“Siciliano”

Domenico Scarlatti

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing, and proclaim with joy
the good works God is doing in our midst.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

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We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God’s love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

We gather to worship, as is our custom. Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

**We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

Hymn # 657

“This Is the Day” (2 times; call & response)

Opening Prayer

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Gloria # 71

Old Testament Lesson: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Children's Time: What do you do every day?

Hymn # 472 "Near to the Heart of God"

Gospel: Luke 4: 14-21

Sermon "Creating Good Habits"

Response to the Word: # 881, Traditional Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People

Offertory "Offertory" Theodore Kullak

Doxology

Hymn # 600 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" Henry Purcell

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