

Sunday  
**August 16, 2020**  
9:30 a.m.

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,  
serving God's world.



**Call to Worship** — based on Matthew 15:21-28; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8;  
Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord — outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, the young, old and the in-between. Come as you are, for we are God's house — a house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who comes.

**Opening Prayer:** Psalm 67 (*The Message*)

God, mark us with grace and blessing! Smile! The whole country will see how you work, all the godless nations see how you save. God! Let people thank and enjoy you. Let all people thank and enjoy you. Let all far-flung people become happy and shout their happiness because You judge them fair and square, you tend the far-flung peoples. God! Let people thank and enjoy you. Let all people thank and enjoy you. Earth, display your exuberance! You mark us with blessing, O God, our God. You mark us with blessing, O God. Earth's four corners—honor him!

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 15:10-28 (*Kingdom New Testament*)

**Sermon:** "Shouting After Jesus"

**Te Deum Laudamus:** "You are God..."

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord: we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you; Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are



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seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

### Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

Merciful God, in love you created us, and in love you sustain us, day after day. So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to you, knowing that you will hear and respond.

We pray for those who are estranged from spouse or family, friends or neighbors; who find it difficult to forgive past wrongs done to them;

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who for years have carried feelings of guilt or regret for something they did or something they neglected to do; who find it difficult to ask for forgiveness or forgive themselves;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who find themselves far away from you, struggling to overcome their doubts or disillusionment, and who wonder how to find their way back;

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those watching someone they love try to cope with serious illness or injury, and who long for your miraculous intervention;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the many others in our world who are suffering this day — from grief, or

loneliness, hunger, poverty, violence or illness;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sustain all those who look to you in hope.

Strengthen us — your people — so that we may be a light to all those who find themselves in darkness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who teaches us to pray... *Our Father...*

### Offertory ~ Karla Stubblefield

#### Allegiance Offering Prayer

*Thank you for your continued support in prayer and finances.*

Lord, with the action of this offering, we give you our allegiance; we proclaim you Lord over our lives, over our families, over our finances, over our future. We acknowledge no other King but Jesus.

We give you thanks for all you have given us, and all we have the privilege to give. Use these gifts for the work of your church, we pray in Jesus' name, amen.

#### Blessing

May you trust in God's promises to his people: peace, security, blessing even when they are difficult to believe. May you know that God's news is good news, nourishing, true even when people tell you it is not. And when you encounter doubt, may God strengthen your belief guiding you in his perfect wisdom and counsel.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### In Service to Our Country

Walker Polsinelli  
Tyler Smith

Geoff White

### For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz  
Barb Griner  
Flossie Lang  
Nona Mattheis  
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons  
Marv Starbuck  
Mina Willett  
Betty Witcher

### VUMC's Mission Statement



### The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### This Week's Celebrations

#### Birthdays

8/18 Doug Smith  
8/19 Nancy Fulton  
Sally Kohler

8/21 Bonnie Holmes  
8/22 Carol Lohman

#### Anniversaries

8/20 Steve & Lori Ensing

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Praise

Praises for the birth of Octa Lee Marko, son of Marianna Hiemstra and Nick Marko, grandson of Therisa Gruber, and great-grandson of Joe and Betty Gruber. Octa was born Aug. 10, measuring 9 lb., 14 oz., and 20 ½ inches.

### Previous Requests

Tim Melvin is recovering from extensive surgery on his mouth/jaw and will be in the hospital for a few more days. The recovery will be long and difficult. Please pray for strength and patience for both Tim and Lynne.

Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

## Outside/In-person Worship continues!

# Sunday, August 23

9:30 a.m.

## Vicksburg High School parking lot

(east side by the lacrosse field)



## ScripCents are available again!

The next orders are due in the church office by 2:00 tomorrow. Fill out an order form and mail it to the church with your payment. Or bring it to church with you on Sunday morning and turn it in with the offering. If you don't use e-mail and you need forms, contact Polly at 649-1984.

You can also shop and pay online. If you haven't enrolled yet, go to <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Login/Enroll>; enter the code (you will need to get this from Polly, as we are not allowed to publish it), create your own username and password, and follow the steps to create your account. You can pay for your order online with your debit card or credit card.

The more we use ScripCents as a church family, the more financially sustainable we become!

## Do We Have Your Information?

We like to acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries in the bulletin. Do we have your information? If not, please contact Polly in the office and let her know.

## Midweek prayer meeting

Every Wednesday evening from 8:00 to 8:45, Pastor Greg hosts an online “**Midweek Prayer Meeting**” when people are invited to log-on for “on-the-spot” prayer regarding the joys and concerns of the congregation and on behalf of our world.



If you have a prayer need for yourself or on behalf of another, you may “stop by” however briefly or as long as you want during the time of our online prayer meeting. Each meeting concludes with the “Great Litany” from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

To join the on-line prayer meeting, please click this link:

<https://meet.google.com/hii-yaux-qgs>

Otherwise, to join by telephone, dial: +1 415-604-0783 and enter this PIN: 815 342 983# .

## Meals for the Miller family

There are still spots open in August for providing meals for the Miller family.

Mealtrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. If you would like to help the Millers, you can view their Meal Train by clicking the following link:

<https://mealtrain.com/8g0l98>.

If you have questions, please send an email to Mary Burke, [malburke2@aol.com](mailto:malburke2@aol.com).

## Donate through consignment

UMW has an account at the Home Again Consignment Store at 815 W. Prairie St., Vicksburg. Anyone can drop off good new/used items for consignment, and the proceeds will be donated to UMW. If you have items you would like to donate, you can take them to the consignment store. You must make an appointment by contacting Home Again, 269-649-1944, Facebook page and <https://www.homeagainvicksburg.com/> . The Facebook page and website both have the rules for consigning, limits on items brought in at one time, etc. Good clothing and housewares and even collectibles and antiques are welcome. They are selective, so it's a good idea to really look things over before you take them in. Thanks in advance for any donations.



## Worship Committee

You get up on Sunday morning and rush around eating breakfast, get husband up and helping, get yourself and children dressed, get your church tithe envelope ready, take a big sigh and head out the door to church for Sunday worship. Once you get there and settle into your preferred pew, you take a big breath and relax. You are now ready to sit back, be inspired by the pastor's sermon, and have your spirits lifted by the music and hymns you sing and the prayers. Afterward, you have some time for fellowship with friends and maybe greet a newcomer. Then it is out the door until next week. Whew, now you go home energized by what you learned and gained from attending Sunday worship.

Did you ever think, just maybe, you have attended one of the most **important evangelistic missions**, our church or any church could ever produce? Think about it for one moment: we might be doing a wonderful job of evangelizing throughout the week, but if the worship service is done poorly, you or the new person who was there might not come back! A big responsibility to hang around the necks of the Worship Committee (WC) and pastor. But they do it week after week without seeking any praise. It is just what Jesus commanded we do: love and glorify God and love one another as ourselves.

Once upon a time, I spent several years on the WC, and I can attest there is "a ton of stuff" that must happen before the bell tolls at 11:00 a.m. Following is a list of just a few things the WC is responsible for to make sure the service is all you might expect.

### **WEEKLY DUTIES:**

Pastor spends several hours per week in prayer and writing the sermon.

WC meets on a regular basis with pastor to go over any new requests/details to be worked out ahead of time.

Custodial duties before the service: vacuum sanctuary, etc.

Two people to be guardians of your children's wellbeing during the services.

Altars prepared with appropriate cloths and colors to depict the current liturgical season our church is celebrating.

A person who checks the pews before Sunday to make sure such things as pencils, hymn

books, etc., are in stock. Return private things left behind, such as purses, wallets, etc.

Music and hymns to be chosen by pastor and choir director.

Choirs, who have met during the week to practice.

Pianist, organist, at the ready to make our hymn singing sound good, having already met to practice with the choir.

Two trained pros at the sound board, ready for almost any job given to them.

Greeters to welcome us.

Ushers lined up for one/two services.

Church office has ready a printed bulletin for each of us.

The ushers collect the gifts/tithes and prayer requests.

The ushers then pass off the plates to "two counters" who count the monies and tally other worship figures. These monies are then locked into a safe, of which they are the only ones to know location.

Coffee bar with treats to enjoy as you enter or before you leave.

### **MONTHLY DUTIES:**

WC is required to meet at least once per month.

WC chair is to also attend Ad Council meetings.

Decorate church for any special holidays, such as Christmas, Easter.

Emphasize other special holidays, such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, with special notice.

### **YEARLY DUTIES:**

Recognize in a special service those of our teens who are graduating high school, and also sometimes with a breakfast and roast before service.

Scholarships are awarded to grads and alums, with a sizeable grant from our Scholarship Fund.

A service to recognize members of our congregation who have passed during the current year.

***Next time you attend an in-house worship service, remember to say a prayer for the WC that they have succeeded in planning a meaningful service and glorified God for all those in attendance.***

*Thoughts, memories and research by Nancy Fulton*