

Sunday  
**August 25, 2019**  
10:00 a.m.

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,  
serving God's world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.

**Bold print indicates the people.**

\*Indicates please stand as able.

### **Psalms: "God Is My Rock"**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome, Announcements, and Ministry Opportunities**

**\*Scripture:** Psalm 62

**\*Prayer of Approach and Confession**—*Based on Psalm 62:5-12, Jonah 3, Mark 1:14-20*

The words of the psalm describe You, O God, as hope, as salvation, as shelter. We who hear these healing words are invited to put all our confidence in You, to pour out our hearts to You, knowing that You hear.

**Hear us now, O God, as we gather to worship and to praise You.**

Forgive us when we listen to the voices which tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth; in whatever breakfast food can expand our brainpower, in whatever mode of transport can get us anywhere faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Renew our trust in You and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with You and to re-align our priorities with Yours.

**Hear us now, Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather to worship and to praise You.**

Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow You even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed.

**Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks of faith.**

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by You. In Jesus' name, we pray.

**Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon—Based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Song: #526** What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Song: #2233** Where Children Belong

**Children's Time** ~ *Kathy Phillips*

**Sermon:** "My Fortress and My Salvation"

**\*Prayer Song: #2002** I Will Call Upon the Lord  
*The ushers will collect prayer requests.*

**Hearing Joys and Concerns**

**Dwelling in Prayer**

*Speak your heart to God, bringing to God the needs and concerns of your life, family, work, and church. Here are some suggestions to include in this time of prayer: for governments, world leaders, and the needs of our world; for the continent of Africa; for international crises.*

**Prayer of Petition and Trust—Based on Psalm 62**

God of unfailing love, with confidence we gather to worship You; to praise Your holy name; to express to You our trust and confidence in Your promise of security and refuge within Your loving presence.

**Within the safety of Your love, we honor You for the commitment You have made to Your people, and pray that Your people will respond to that love with trust and an acceptance of God's merciful forgiveness.**

If only all Your people showed the same commitment to You, O God, as You show towards them – they would know that a life

lived within God's presence is one that is rich beyond our understanding, and with a depth of inner peace that can only be hoped for and dreamed about.

**O God, our Rock and our Redeemer, You are our stronghold against the forces within human life that confront us each day; and which try to shake our faith and resolve; so we look to You in confidence and trust. We pour out our hearts to You O God, because our God is there waiting to lovingly respond to our needs, and quietly waits to offer us love and acceptance, and a secure road to travel that will lead us to our home in God.**

Thanks be to God - our Rock, our Redeemer and our Refuge – always.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology: #70** Glory Be to the Father

**\*Thanksgiving—Prayer of St. Boniface (ca. 672-754)**

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all Your children, we praise You for all You have given us, for all You have done for us, for all that You are to us. In our weakness, You are strength, in our darkness, You are light, in our sorrow, You are comfort and peace. We cannot number Your blessings, we cannot declare Your love: For all Your blessings we bless You. May we live as in Your presence, and love the things that You love, and serve You in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Closing Song: #110** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Generous Hands Wish List**



- 18 oz. peanut butter
- fruit cups
- applesauce cups
- granola bars
- Ramen noodles
- microwave popcorn
- small peanut packs
- instant oatmeal packets

**For Cheer and Hello**

David Bretz	Robert & Carmen
Barb Griner	Parsons
Pat McClelland	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Beverly Nimmo	Mina Willett

August 18 Worship attendance: 90

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Praise

Thanks be to God for this, our church family, and all those who made last Sunday morning's worship service possible! And praises for Carol!  
~ Brad and Barb Addis

We would like to thank everyone for the support and prayers over the past 10 months. Carol's pathology report came back negative. Great news! The next step is radiation. We feel very blessed to be part of this church family.  
~ David and Carol Eaton

David Morton (my grandson) has been bullied recently, but he went to camp and had a great time and is eagerly looking forward to school starting. ~ Dee Morton

### Updates and New Requests This Week

Jason Phillips is not feeling well due to cancer and treatments. Lift up prayers for healing and comfort and for his family as they care for him.

### Previous Requests

Cynda Buckallew is recovering from surgery at her son Jeff's in Traverse City.

Elizabeth Heikes went to U of M for another hip injection. Please pray for lasting pain relief.

Amy Hofmeister (former member) is recovering from emergency surgery for intestinal problems.

Colleen Kiley's brother-in-law is recovering from bone stem cell transplant and is doing well, but he has heart problems.

Flossie Lang is sore from a minor fall.

Joanne Larson (Debbie Swinehart's friend) has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Joel and Brenda Nelson (Beth Griner's friends) are recovering from a motorcycle accident.

They are at Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids.

Debbie Swinehart is in excessive pain and scheduled to have hip replacement surgery tomorrow in Tucson, AZ. Please pray for coping skills and successful surgery.

Betty Witcher has a back injury. She can't have visitors, but cards would be appreciated. Her address is: The Fountains, 1700 Bronson Way Apt. 229, Kalamazoo MI 49009.

## In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler  
Ryan Miller  
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith  
Geoff White

## This Week's Calendar

### Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. High School Youth in the youth rooms

### Monday, August 26

6:00 p.m. Preschool Parent meeting in the Preschool area

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee in the Library

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee in the Library

8:00 p.m. SPRC in the Library

### Tuesday, August 27

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:00 p.m. Preschool Parent meeting in the Preschool area

### Wednesday, August 28

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room

### Thursday, August 29

*no activities are scheduled*

### Friday, August 30 - Pastor's Day Off

*no activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, August 31

*no activities are scheduled*

### Next Week

### Monday, September 2—Labor Day

*Offices will be closed*

### Tuesday, September 3

7:00 p.m. Trustees in the Library

### Wednesday, September 4

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 5

10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Committee, Library

12:30 p.m. UMW General meeting, Taylor Room

## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Thank you to these families who bring \$10 worth of groceries for South County or \$10 for Generous Hands:

Aug. 25: Joe & Betty Gruber

Sep. 1:

## This Week's Celebrations

### Birthdays

8/28 J.R. Fulton

Marlene Sherman

8/29 Mike Hamilton

8/31 Jo Ann Cain

### Anniversaries

8/25 Kip & Tamara

Young

8/28 Fred & Jodee


Nelson

Today's altar flowers are provided by Aileen Greanya in honor of her mother's birthday.

Designed by Heirloom Rose in Schoolcraft.

**Regular Worship Hours**  
**Sundays**  
 beginning Sept. 8  
 Sunday School for everyone at 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
 with nursery provided

**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.

### Coming deadlines

- Items for the September newsletter are due in the church office tomorrow.
- Reports for the Sept. 9 Church Council meeting are due in the church office by Tuesday, Sept. 3.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Tuesday, Sept. 3.

### Apprentice Class starting in September

Beginning Sept. 12, Apprentice Class will continue the "Good and Beautiful" series. The Thursday afternoon class will meet at 1:00 in the church Library, and the Thursday evening class will meet at 7:00 in the Fish Room. If you are interested in attending the classes, please write Apprentice Class next to your name on the friendship sheet.

### Concert at Klines Resort

The Foresters will be appearing on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Klines Resort Clubhouse, 22260 Klines Resort Rd., Three Rivers, 5 miles south of Vicksburg on Silver St. If you plan to attend, you will need to bring a lawn chair or blanket to this outdoor concert. An ice cream social will follow, and a free-will offering will be taken to support their ministry.

## The Monday Breakfast Table

Coffee and donuts with friends. Juice and muffins with neighbors. What a great way to begin your week.

Come join us Monday mornings between 7 & 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center (gymnasium) at Vicksburg United Methodist Church.

**Starting date:**  
 Monday September 9th

**Time:**  
 Mondays from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

**Cost:**  
 donation



### Needed: more disciples!

"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 is VUMC's mission. It's why we're here. If you have a passion for the gospel (even if you're willing to get a passion) and an earnest desire to see Christ change lives through this church, you are invited to join us on this journey, going forward to be and do what God wants us to be and do. New member orientation will be in September. Interested? Pray about this — and let's talk. Call Pastor Greg at the church (269-649-2343) or e-mail ([gpculver@mac.com](mailto:gpculver@mac.com)). You can even approach him today!

### Program to manage falls

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

The next sessions are here at VUMC Tuesdays and Fridays, Sept. 10 to Oct. 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required by contacting South County Community Services, 269-649-2901, or Kelly Milliman, Area Agency on Aging, 269-373-5021.