**Vestal United Methodist Church**

**328 Main Street**

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**August 17, 2025 9:30 A.M.**

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**10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

 **Welcome to all our guests, members, and friends, both young and not-so-young!**

**Please know that it is a joy to have you among us in person or in the virtual world.**

\* Indicates congregation is invited to stand, if able.

**Prelude** “You Are My All in All”arr. Marilyn Ham

**Welcome**  Pastor

**Announcements** Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship**

Leadre: The Spirit of God calls to us.

**People: With sight too deep for words.**

Leader: The Spirit of God calls to us.

**People: Claiming us, summoning us to become more than we are. Calling us by name: God’s children.**

**\*Opening Hymn # 62 v.1-4, 7** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Liturgist: Please turn to those around you, filled with a spirit of joy and welcome, and share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

*(We encourage online worshipers to share comments of peace on our video platform. We also invite all worshipers, if possible, to take a moment to send a text message of peace and love to someone who isn’t present in worship today.)*

**The Opening Prayer**

**Spirit of holiness and life, be within our community as we worship this morning. Search within each of us for the sighs too deep for words and make them articulate so that we may share our hopes and fears and bring out of our silence life-changing prayers for ourselves and, in intercession, for all precious, groaning creation. Amen.**

**Special Music** “Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)”Chris Rice

**The Mystery Box (Young Disciples)** Pastor

**Video** “This Year Belongs To You”

**Hymn # 344** Lord You Have Come to the Lake Shore

**Gospel Reading** Luke 12:49-56

**The Message** “A Time to Decide”

**\*Affirmation of Faith #883** “The United Church of Canada”

**\*Gloria Patri #70**

**Prayer Concerns and Prayer Chorus # 2167** (TFWS)“More Like You”

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

 **WE BRING GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

***Please support the work of your church’s ministries by placing your offering on the plate during the service, mailing a check to the church, or giving online on our website*** [**http://www.vestalumc.org/**](http://www.vestalumc.org/)

 **Offertory** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Stuart Townend

 **\*Doxology UMH 95**

 **JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, GOES BEFORE YOU**

**“We go out to share the good news of God’s love through our loving actions”**

**\*The Closing Hymn # 396** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**\*Benediction** Pastor

**Postlude** “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”arr. Bill Wolaver

Get Acquainted with the Pastor

A series of informal gatherings is being planned by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Pastor Glenn to give you an opportunity to speak with him and get to know both the pastor and his wife, Reenie. This is meant to be an opportunity for you to get to know the pastor and Reenie personally and to ask the pastor any questions you may have about the church and his work here. These gatherings will take place in the church on Sunday, August 17, after the regular worship service, Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m. Please feel free to attend any of these you’d like. The pastor will answer your questions and share with you his vision for the ministry and future of Vestal UMC.

 New Members

Pastor Glenn is planning to receive new members of the church on Sunday, October 19. In preparation for joining, prospective new members are asked to join the pastor for about an hour after worship on the two Sundays prior, October 5 and 12 at 10:45. (after worship)

During those sessions the pastor will review the meaning of membership, the history and beliefs of the UMC, and the organization of the church. He will also attempt to answer any questions you might have.

There are two primary ways to become a member; by profession of faith or by transfer. If you are transferring membership from another church to Vestal UMC, please provide Pastor Glenn with the originating church’s name, address, and email, if possible.

If you are planning on becoming a member of Vestal UMC or if you have questions or concerns, please let Pastor Glenn know ASAP by emailing pastor@vestalumc.org.

 **Serving in Worship**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn C. Ferguson

Young Disciples: Pastor

 Liturgist: Lana Roske

Organist: Dan Rosenau

 Special Music: Kylie Loomis

 Acolyte: Emily Bowerman

 Audio Visual/Live Stream: Tim Andrews, Jean Stout

Welcome Team: Brenda Bunzey

Attendance 8/10 : 73