

# Worship Guide

## The Vine UMC

This worship guide is to help you deepen your worship experience with The Vine UMC as you watch the weekly sermon. It also provides additional worship elements that you can use individually, with your local church or branch.

### Sunday August 4, 2024

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Seeking God's Vision - The Vine Worship Guide</b>
<b>Series Prayer:</b>	<p>Loving God, as we cherish the beauty of this season of life together, we remember that you are always doing new things. Grant us the wisdom to discern your direction and the courage to align our goals with your will. Unite us in purpose, that we may work together with humility and love. As we navigate the changes you bring, help us to honor our traditions while embracing new ways of ministry and outreach. Help us to see the gifts each one of us have to offer your kin-dom. Guide us in rediscovering our neighbors as we seek to be a light in our communities and give us wisdom to be faithful stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us, so that we may use them as best we can for the growth of your kin-dom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.</p>
<b>Call to worship:</b>	<p>One: O God, our Heavenly Father, give us a vision of our world as Your love would make it:</p> <p><b>Many: a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or</b></p>

	<p><b>poor;</b></p> <p>One: a world where the benefits of civilized life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;</p> <p><b>Many: a world where different races, nations and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect,</b></p> <p>One: a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love;</p> <p><b>Many: and give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b> ~ Geoffrey Brown and John Pridmore, St Martin-in-the-Fields' Prayer for the World. Posted on The Church of Scotland's Weekly Worship website.  <a href="https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship">https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship</a></p>
<p><b>Personal Reflection:</b></p>	<p>Take a moment to reflect on your week. What do you see as God's vision for your life?</p>
<p><b>Songs of Praise:</b></p>	<p>Song 1: "Open My Eyes, That I May See". UMH 454  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt0E84tRhhc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt0E84tRhhc</a></p> <p>Song 2: "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord" by Michael W. Smith  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0orH2uloel">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0orH2uloel</a></p>
<p><b>Song of Reflection:</b></p>	<p>"Be Thou My Vision" United Methodist Hymnal #451  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZ3uFtV414">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZ3uFtV414</a></p>
<p><b>Prayer of Illumination (All say together):</b></p>	<p>"For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come and not delay. God, I will wait expectantly for your vision and the steps I should take according to your will. I will go forth in faith as I step because I surrender my will to you." <a href="http://www.indestructibledaughters.com">www.indestructibledaughters.com</a></p>
<p><b>Video Sermon</b></p>	<p>"Seeking God's Vision" Rev. Sean Stanfield  <a href="https://youtu.be/ZSRNScndpB4">https://youtu.be/ZSRNScndpB4</a></p>

<b>of the week:</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	<p><b>"My Hope is Built" UMH #368</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQrLcyriDs4&amp;t=15s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQrLcyriDs4&amp;t=15s</a></p>
<b>Benediction:</b>	<p><b>For God's vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late.</b></p> <p><b>In the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.</b></p>

## Announcements:

<b>Children's Ministry</b>	<p><i>Our neighbors at Clark Memorial United Methodist Church have invited our community to join their virtual children's church gathering that takes place every Saturday at 11am. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to come together, learn about God's love, and have fun, all from the comfort of home. Their engaging and interactive sessions are designed for children of all ages and will include Bible stories, songs, and more.</i></p> <p><i>Mark your calendars and join our friends at Clark every Saturday at 11am. For more information and to receive the Zoom link, please contact:</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Susanne Tropez-Sims, <a href="mailto:stsims@bellsouth.net">stsims@bellsouth.net</a></i></p> <p><i>or Dr. Jeanette Stewart, <a href="mailto:sjls123@bellsouth.net">sjls123@bellsouth.net</a>.</i></p>
<b>Join a Branch (Small Group):</b>	<p><i>Our mission to be "A Movement of Living Love," is a call to each community member to join in a sacred endeavor, to become part of a transformative movement that seeks to change lives and, ultimately, the world. We aim to create not just a church but a vibrant, living community that reflects the Kin-dom of God here on Earth, a community where each individual is not just a member but an active participant in bringing our vision to life. "Cultivating Communities of Hope, Healing, and Belonging" is not just our vision; it's our calling. It's an invitation to all of us to engage deeply, love freely, and live fully, all while anchored in the transformative power of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Meetings start Tuesday Evenings 6pm (CDT) and Wednesday Morning 10am (CDT)</i></p>

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**Next Week in our “Vision Forward” series, *Unity in Purpose* with Rev. Stephen Handy**

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