

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**First Sunday in Lent**  
March 10, 2019 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



## **Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 ~ Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

**Romans 10b-13 ~ Luke 4:11-13**

The MISSION of  
Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)  
is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ  
with everyone through Worship, Prayer,  
Education, Fellowship, and Mission Outreach.

# **Gathering around God's Word**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory, GtG 307*

## CHIMES

## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

*When We Are Tested, GtG 783*

## LITERAL GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the fellowship pad to the inside aisle.

## CALL to WORSHIP

**Leader:** The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**People: The journey begins in the wilderness.**

**Leader:** We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**People: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.**

**God's Word is on our lips.**

**Leader:** Our call is to trust God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days, GtG 166*

## CONFESSION and time of self-examination

**Leader:** God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

**All: O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon**

**the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE                    *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us, GtG 575*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Encountering God's Word**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

#### The ANTHEM

##### *Hope of the World*

(incorporating *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*)

Words and arrangement by Lloyd Larson

Hope of the world, help to the helpless;  
a humble Servant, Savior, Friend;  
God's only Son, sent to redeem us;  
hosannas ring praise without end.

Amazing love! How great a Savior!  
Christ comes to set the captive free.  
A love beyond all comprehension'  
the grace of God for all to see.  
Amazing love for you and me!

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
He had to walk it by Himself;  
O, nobody else could walk it for Him;  
He had to walk it by Himself.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
despised, rejected and alone.  
He carried our sorrows, griefs and burdens.  
He had to bear them all alone.  
Jesus bore them all alone.

Amazing love! How great a Savior!  
Christ comes to set the captive free.  
A love beyond all comprehension'  
the grace of God for all to see.  
Amazing love for you and me!

### The SCRIPTURE

#### NEWER TESTAMENT EPISTLE READING:

Romans 10:8b-13

#### NEWER TESTAMENT GOSPEL READING:

Luke 4:1-13

The word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

### MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

## **Responding to God's Word**

#### ⌘ MEDITATION HYMN

*I Need Thee Every Hour, GtG 735*

#### ⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** Israel came out of the wilderness and into a land flowing with milk and honey. There they were finally able to offer to God baskets full, in joyful celebration. We, too, bring the first fruits of all that God has so generously given us, with joy and thanksgiving.

### The OFFERTORY

*Believer's Prayer*

Words by John Parker

Music by Joel Raney

#### PRAYER of DEDICATION

**All:** Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## MORNING PRAYER & OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven!  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

## Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds

⌘ CLOSING HYMN *Forty Days and Forty Nights, GtG*  
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### LENTEN WREATH

*"Tree of Life", first verse for the first Sunday of Lent*  
*From the dawning of creation, You have loved us as your own;*  
*Stay with us through all temptation, Make us turn to you alone.*

⌘ BENEDICTION

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⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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**~ MINISTERS of the CHURCH: ALL MEMBERS ~**

## MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN

Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

<b>SESSION</b>		
2019	2020	2021
Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad	Karen DiOrio
Ted Owens	Rowena Baker	Michelle John
Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan	Bob Kanters
Scott Winters	Bettie Steele	Drew Seabright
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2019	2020	2021
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Carol Myers	Janet Hart	Mark Kenamond
Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver	Joanne Winters
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Christian Education		Jill Flanagan, Drew Seabright, and Bettie Steele
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Mission Outreach & Community Service		Rowena Baker, Beth Ann Dague and Karen DiOrio
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