

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ Communion

March 11, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

March 11, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Numbers 21:4-9 ~ Psalm 17:1-3,17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10 ~ John 3:14-21

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, GtG 475

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Congregations for Caring

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

God So Loved the World, CH 350

OPENING PRAYER unison

Loving God, by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing but your divine gift. We were sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore; the waves of doubt and despair overwhelmed us like a flood. But you reached out your hand and rescued us from danger. On Christ the Solid Rock we stand; all other ground is sinking sand. Thank you, God, for your amazing grace, and for the precious gift of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

RITUAL of the LENTEN CANDLES

OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory, PH 84

CONFESSION and time of Self-examination responsively

Leader: Eternal God, you sent your Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

All: We confess that we are in need of saving because of the sins we are so prone to commit against you, our neighbor, and even ourselves.

Leader: Do not condemn us, O God, but rescue us and set us free from the power of sin and death.

All: Help us to live in your light and walk in your way, to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

And all of God's children say: **Amen!**

SUNG RESPONSE

Just as I Am, Without One Plea, PH 370, vv. 1,4

DECLARATION OF PARDON responsively

Leader: Hear the Good News: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us, to transform us from God's enemies into God's friends. Our Savior Christ personally bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

All: We believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

 GLORIA PATRI

 PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

 SONG of PREPARATION

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High, CH 107

Encountering God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION unison

O Lord our God, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may follow your way, ever embracing and holding fast the blessed hope of eternal life which you have given us in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Save Me!

Miss Jane

THE ANTHEM

Amazing Grace! Amazing Love!

Arranged by Earlene Rentz

Words by John Newton and Charles Wesley

Tune: KINGSFOLD, English melody

SCRIPTURE for the SERMON **Ephesians 2:1-10 (NRSV)**

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those

who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life

John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Word of God ... **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Jesus Saves

Rev. Bob Willits

Responding to God's Word

OFFERING AND DEDICATION PRAYER unison

Lord, we know what you want us to do: to take everything,
ordinary life – our sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking-

around life – and place it before you as an offering. You have given us your best. Now in deep gratitude we give our best to you. We are the body of Christ; it is in Christ’s name that we pray. Amen. (from Romans 12, The Message)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

Arranged by David Angerman

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

DOXOLOGY

MORNING PRAYER & OUR LORD’S PRAYER unison

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

Jesus Saves, **CH 438**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Vance Choir

POSTLUDE

 Please stand if able.

PH=Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue);

CH=Celebration Hymnal (Red)

GTG=Glory to God (screen or insert)

10:00 a.m. Service of Worship regularly broadcast over WKWK-FM 97.3

Lectionary Selections of Scripture for NEXT Sunday:

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ~ Psalm 51:1-12 or 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10 ~ John 12:20-23 ~ **John 2:13-22**

2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Clerk of Session.....	Julie Squibb
President of the Board of Deacons.....	Russ Green
Church Treasurer.....	Paul Limbert
Chairperson of Building and Property Commission.....	Ted Owens
Chairperson of Christian Education Commission.....	Jill Flanagan
Chairperson of Worship & Music Commission.....	Howard Monroe
Chairperson of Missions Commission.....	Carol Obermann
Chairperson of Personnel Committee.....	Beth Ann Dague
Chairpersons of Hospitality.....	Sue Abraham, Rowena Baker, Carol Myers
Chairperson of Finance/Memorials Committee.....	Michelle John
Chairperson of Nominating Committee.....	Scott Winters
Chairperson of Stewardship Committee.....	Jay Frey
Chairperson of Member Invitation & Retention.....	John Hargleroad
Moderator of Presbyterian Women.....	Virginia Dulany

SESSION

2018	2019	2020
Jay Frey	Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad
Howard Monroe	Ted Owen	Phil Polack
Carol Obermann	Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan
Michelle John	Scott Winters	Bettie Steele

DEACONS

2018	2019	2020
Kathy Hannan	Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl
Michael Hires	Marjorie Easton	Russ Green
Louise Limbert	Carol Myers	Janet Hart
Joanne Winters	Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver

Congregational Nominating Committee for 2018

Members "at large" from our congregation:

Ginny Dulany, Sam Driehorst and Lynne Exley

Deacon: Michael Hires Elders: Geri Sloane & Scott Winters

MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN

Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

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

The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Bob Willits ~ Interim Pastor

Jane Schockey ~ Church Administrator/C.E. Director

Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music

Russ Brown ~ Head Custodian

Jay Carenbauer ~ Custodian

Evan Smith ~ Sound, Lighting & Visual Coordinator