

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 ~ Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1 ~ **Luke 13:31-35**

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

PRELUDE

CHIMES

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

When Jesus Wept, GtG 194

LITERAL GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: The psalmist sings,

People: One thing I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after:

Leader: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

People: to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God's temple.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

OPENING PRAYER

All: Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we who know your salvation may walk always in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, GtG 35

CONFESSION and time of self-examination

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us, GtG 575

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. Thanks be to God!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Encountering God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Joanne Winters

The ANTHEM

By Faith

Words and Music by Stuart Townend, Keith and Kristyn Getty

Incorporating *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

by Thomas O. Chisholm and William M. Runyan

Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.

We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls' reward;
'til the race is finished and the work is done
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives, and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name.

We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls' reward;
'til the race is finished and the work is done
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

By faith we see the hand of God.
By faith this mountain shall be moved.
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.
We'll walk by faith!

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Luke 13:31-35

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ MEDITATION HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, GtG 435

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Christ has given his life for us. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

The OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody; Tune: SLANE

Arranged by Heather Sorenson

Words: Ancient Irish

Translation by Mary E. Byrne (1830-1931)

Verified by Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)

Please refer to GtG 450, verses 1, 3, and 4.

PRAYER of DEDICATION

All: O God, we have beheld your goodness to us. Accept the offering of the work of our hands, and use us for the sake of 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 *Oh God, You Are My God, GtG 743*

LENTEN WREATH

*"Tree of Life", second verse for the Second Sunday of Lent
In our call to be a blessing, May we be a blessing true;
May we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do.*

⌘ BENEDICTION

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⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

SESSION		
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
Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl	Kathy Hannan
Marjorie Easton	Russ Green	Tom John
Carol Myers	Janet Hart	Mark Kenamond
Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver	Joanne Winters

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Building and Property	John Hargleroad, Ted Owens, Drew Seabright and Scott Winters
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
Worship & Music	Bob Kanters, Geri Sloane, and Bettie Steele
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