

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
April 15, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Acts 3:12-19 ~ Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7 ~ **Luke 24:36b-48**

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, You Faithful, Raise the Strain, GtG 234*

## CHIMES

## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

AN INTROIT FOR EASTERTIDE: *A Worship Sequence*

*Offering of Thanks, CH 212*

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise, CH 213*

*He Has Made Me Glad, CH 214*

## GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## OPENING PRAYER                      unison

**All: Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Jesus Christ, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.**

## CALL to WORSHIP                      responsively

Leader: The bread of life opens our eyes.

**All: The word of life opens our ears.**

Leader: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

**All: and by those wounds we are healed.**

Leader: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## ⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation, GtG 394 (or PH 416)*

## CONFESSION and time of self-examination                      responsively

Leader: The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

**All: Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us.**

**SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION**

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

**SUNG RESPONSE**

*Jesus, We Are Here, GtG 392*

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** responsively

Leader: In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for mercy has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

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

⌘ **GLORIA PATRI**

⌘ **PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST**

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

⌘ **SONG of PREPARATION**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, GtG 452*

## **Encountering God's Word**

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION** unison

**All: Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Miss Jane

### **The ANTHEM**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Words and Music by Ken Medema

Choral Setting by Joel Raney

**SCRIPTURE for the SERMON**    Luke 24:36b-48    **NRSV**

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

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

## **MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica L. Harley

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

#### **INVITATION to the OFFERING**

Leader: As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace, so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes and gifts.

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Above All*

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc

Arranged by Mark Brymer

#### **⌘ DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER of DEDICATION unison

**All: Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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 *Christ Is Alive!*, GtG 246

⌘ 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)**

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

**Lectionary Selections of Scripture for NEXT Sunday:**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 22, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.**

**Acts 4:5-12 ~ Psalm 23 ~ 1 John 3:16-24 ~ John 10:11-18**

# 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  
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**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. Erica L. Harley ~ **Senior 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**