

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Acts 3:12-19 ~ Psalm 4

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

Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
is a welcoming, active, community-oriented,
theologically Reformed congregation where
all people are celebrated and valued
as we worship the Triune God, engage in mission,
and serve our community and beyond.

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: The bread of life opens our eyes.

All: The word of life opens our ears.

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

All: And by those wounds we are healed.

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

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 Christ Jesus, 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.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Thine Is the Glory, GtG 238

CONFESSION and time of self-examination *(congregation may be seated)*

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.

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 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

SUNG RESPONSE

Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your righteousness;
Make Your way plain before my face. Lead me, Lord.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

All: And also with you!

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father, GtG 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. Please greet your neighbor in love.

Encountering God's Word

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION

Open My Eyes, That I May See, GtG 451

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

Majestic Holy One

Words and Music by Cindy Berry

Lord, You know my heart and mind;
in You alone I find unfailing love.
Lord, You saved me by Your grace,
prepared for me a place in heav'n above.
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies;
righteous are all Your ways.
Majestic, O Lord, is Your name on high;
I will serve You for all of my days.
I will give You my highest praise.

REFRAIN: My God and King, to You I sing.
To You I lift my voice to magnify Your name,
Redeemer of my soul. In all I say, in all I do,
Lord, may my life bring praise and glory to You,
majestic Holy One.

With all my heart and soul and strength,
I will serve You, Lord,
and walk in Your paths of light.
May I be Your humble servant,
strengthened by Your glorious might,
strengthened by Your might. *REFRAIN...*

The SCRIPTURE

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Acts 3:12-19

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 24:36b-48

EPISTLE READING:

1 John 3:1-7

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION *Great Is Thy Faithfulness, GtG 39*

⌘ 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. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

Jesus, Full of Grace

Words and Music by Nicole Elsey and Robert Sterling

Precious Jesus, more full of grace than I of sin,
open Your arms and take me in.
Great Redeemer, free me from my own selfish will,
and love this faithless sinner still.

REFRAIN:

Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.
Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through.
May Your perfect will be all I pursue.
Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.

Patient Shepherd, You know the way to bring me back.
Restore in me the faith I lack.
Gentle Healer, please make my broken pieces whole,
my fallen spirit to console.

REFRAIN...

The ruins of my soul repair.
Please, make my heart Your house of prayer.

REFRAIN...

⌘ **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, GtG 606*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

⌘ **PRAYER of DEDICATION**

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.

(congregation may be seated)

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**

Christ Is Alive!, GtG 246

⌘ **BENEDICTION**

⌘POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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Advance Announcements

- *Welcome to Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, a traditional church with Spirit, serving the greater Wheeling Community and beyond!* We welcome our radio congregation listening to our live worship on 97.3 WKWK-FM. Radio listeners can go to vancechurch.org, select the "News" tab and choose "Bulletin" to follow along with a PDF of the worship service. If you ever need prayer or would like home communion, please contact the church office at 1-304-232-0980
- If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the friendship pad in the pew rack so that we may obtain your contact information. Members need not fill out the friendship pads until the pandemic precautions have passed.
- Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Inquire with an usher and they will assist you.
- Masks, glove, and hand sanitizer is available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 66.
- Giving for the month of March was \$16,740.38.
- We thank Michelle John for serving as worship liturgist.
- There will be a Deacon's meeting Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 11:15am in the Squibb room and via conference call.
- Join us for the Adult Sunday School Class "In the Dust of the Rabbi" Sundays at 9am in Potter Chapel in the CE Building.
- Sunday, April 25, 2021 will be New Member Sunday! Join us in worship as we welcome our newest members to Vance Church.