

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 09, 2021 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Acts 10:44-48 ~ Psalm 98

John 15:9-17 ~ 1 John 5:1-6

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**

## HYMN PRELUDE

*I Come with Joy, GtG 515*

Verses 1, 4, and 5

## CHIMES

## GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

*The Family Prayer Song*

Come and fill our homes with Your presence;  
You alone are worthy of our rev'ence.  
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

## CALL to WORSHIP

**Liturgist:** Sing to our God a new song.

**All: God has done marvelous things!**

**Liturgist:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**Liturgist:** Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**All: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE      *To God Be the Glory, GtG 634*

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

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

**Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray.**

## SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE      *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil, GtG 750*

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Liturgist:** Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

⌘ **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** *Lord, Make Us More Holy, GtG 313*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### The ANTHEM

*From Generation to Generation  
(Thou Art God)*

Tune: BUNESSAN ~ Traditional Gaelic Melody  
Words by Gail McCoig Blanton  
Arranged by Marty Parks

From generation to generation,  
to everlasting, Thou art God,  
blessing Thy children, steadfast and faithful;  
keeping each promise, Thou art God.

From generation to generation,  
Thy gracious favor, intimate God,  
welcomes the outcast, honors repentance,  
source of refreshing, Thou art God.

Thou art God! Thou art God!  
Everlasting, Thou art God!

From generation to generation,  
reign from Thy throne, omnipotent God.  
Perfect in justice, essence of mercy,  
hope for all ages, Thou art God!

From everlasting, Thou art God!

#### The SCRIPTURE

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Acts 10:44-48

EPISTLE READING:

1 John 5:1-6

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

*Blessed Assurance, GtG 839*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** Let us show our friendship with Christ and our love for our neighbors by giving generously so that we may bear the lasting fruit of Christ's love. *(congregation may be seated)*

**The OFFERTORY**

*Jesus Is the Song*

Words and Music by David Danner

Arranged by Mary McDonald

My Savior is the Lord and King,  
He has control of ev'tything,  
He loves me, and He bids me sing,  
He gives His song to me.

He calms my hurts and dries my tears,  
He gives me strength to face my fears,  
He sends His grace through all my years,  
He gives His song to me.

Jesus is the song of life,  
Jesus is the song of joy,  
Jesus is the song of love;

Jesus gives His song to me.  
My Savior, Jesus, I'll adore,  
my weary soul He will restore,  
I'll praise His name forevermore,  
He'll give His song to me.

He is the song of life,  
He is the song of joy,  
He is the song of love!  
Jesus is the song!

⌘ 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

**Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. 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

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, **GtG 761**

⌘ BENEDICTION

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VANCE CHOIR

⌘ 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](http://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 89; Giving for the month of April was \$18,095.
- We thank Karen Seabright for serving as worship liturgist.
- Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ed Sloane by Geri Sloane and Family.