

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Acts 11:1-18 and Psalm 148 or Leviticus 19:9-18 and Psalm 24:1-6

Revelation 21:1-6 ~ John 13:31-35

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

Spirit of the Living God, GtG 288

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Liturgist: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

All: his glory is above earth and heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, our Alpha and Omega, you accompany us on our journey, you are with us from beginning to end. You make your home among us mortals, you dwell with us and know our pain. You are at work among us, you who hear our pleas. You are making all things new. May we praise you with all creation and worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Let Us Build a House: All Are Welcome, GtG 301

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

The chaos of our world confuses us and leads us astray. Let us return to the clarity God can provide through our prayer of confession.

Eternal God, we dissociate from parts of your creation and falsely separate into clean and unclean. You call us to love one another and make more space at the table of belonging. Forgive our exclusion and judgment. Cleanse us of the sin that distorts your truth.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Make Us One

The Celebration Hymnal, #418

Make us one, Lord, make us one: Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow so the world will know we are one in You.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: We are a part of God's transformed creation. God is among us making all things new. Claim this grace. Know God's forgiveness. Rise with Christ to a life made new.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

⌘ **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**

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

Encountering God's Word

⌘ **SONG of ILLUMINATION** *Help Us Accept Each Other, GtG 754*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

Yes, Jesus Loves Me!

Words by Anna B. Warner and David R. McGuire

Arranged by Tim Osiek

Please refer to GtG 188.

...As a child on my knees, Jesus was a friend to me.
Does he still remember me? Does he still remember me?...

...But what about my doubts and fears?
How I've changed throughout the years?
When I cry out, does he hear?...

...Yes! Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way.
Wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live,
God's light and love! ...

Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

The SCRIPTURE

PSALTER READING:

Psalm 148

Liturgist: ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Men: ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Women: ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Congregation: ⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!**

Choir: ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Men: ⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. [Ⓜ]

Women: ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Congregation: ⁹ **Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!** ¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Choir: ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: ¹³ **Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

Liturgist: ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

All: Praise the LORD!

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Acts 11:1-18

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From a Brief Statement of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ

died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

O God, You Are My God: Step by Step, GtG 743

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

God of Wonders

Words and Music by Steve Hindalong & Marc Byrd
Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky;
the heavens are your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high.

REFRAIN: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

REFRAIN...

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. *REFRAIN...*
Lord of heaven you are holy, you are holy, O Lord.

⌘ 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

Grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love we present these gifts to you, God. Use them to further your will and transform our world into your new, redeemed creation.

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 *In Christ There Is No East of West*, **GtG 317**

⌘BENEDICTION

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VANCE CHOIR

⌘POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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

Today's worship service liturgy is written by Terri McDowell Ott and provided for
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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
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 63; Giving for the month of April was \$7,360.
- We thank Jeanne Finstein for serving as liturgist today.
- A display will be in the Narthex on Sunday, May 29, to honor Vance church's veterans. Several related items have been located in the church archives, including a list of the 127 members of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church who were in the armed services at the time of a Memorial Day service held on Sunday, May 28, 1944. This list and other items will become part of the display. If you have some items of your own or from a relative or friend to exhibit (photos/ recollections/ medals), please bring them to Bob Kanters or Jeanne Finstein so they can be included as we honor those who have served our country.
- Children of Vance Church (preschool and elementary age) are welcome to join Erica Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 10am to NOON for Kidz Morning Out at Rose Bowl Lanes in Edgwood, Wheeling. Come bowl and enjoy fellowship with Pastor Erica!
- In preparation for the Big Band Expo on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 6:30pm, come join us for dance lessons on Wednesday, May 18, 25 and June 1 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Vance Calendar

Week of May 15, 2022 through May 22, 2022

Sun. May 15

- **9am, Sunday School for ALL ages, C.E. Rooms**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11am, Deacon's Meeting, Squibb Room**
- 12pm, Girl Scout Daisy Recruitment, Fellowship Hall

Mon. May 16

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Conference Room
- **6pm, Organ Committee, Squibb Room**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Pack 6, Fellowship Hall
- 8pm, Young Life Club, Fellowship Hall

Tue. May 17

- 1pm Presbytery Leadership Commission, Potter Chapel
- 4:30pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, Squibb Room
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6, Fellowship Hall

Wed. May 18

- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, C.E. Chapel
- **7pm, Big Band Dance Lesson, Fellowship Hall**
- **7pm, Handbell Practice, Sanctuary**
- 7pm, Jr. League, JL 3rd Floor Room

Thur. May 19

- 12pm, Presbytery Pastor's Bible Study, Potter Chapel

Fri. May 20

Sat. May 21

- **10am, Kidz Morning Out BOWLING, Rose Bowl Lanes**
- 8pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Sunday School Chapel

Sun. May 22

- **9am, Sunday School for ALL ages, C.E. Rooms**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**

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**Vance Church events are in bold type.**

Vance Church also houses the offices of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, Young Life, Junior League, and Harmony House, and Wishing Well Learning Center.