

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 26, 2019 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Psalm 46:8-11

John 14:23-29 ~ Matthew 5:43-48

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

Lead On, O King Eternal!, **GtG 269**

CHIMES

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Spirit Song...ALL please join in singing.

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love;

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let Him have the things that hold you, and His spirit, like a dove,

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

REFRAIN: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy;

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

O give Him all your tears and sadness; give Him all your years of pain,

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *REFRAIN...*

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL to WORSHIP (from Isaiah 2)

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord shall be established as the highest of all the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

People: God shall judge between nations and decide for many peoples.

Leader: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: O Descendants of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

All: O God, before whom generations rise and pass away; we praise you for all your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you. Especially we thank you for those who have served in the armed forces of our nation and given their last full measure of devotion in the cause of freedom and justice for all people. We thank you that for them death is past, pain is ended, and they have entered the everlasting realm of peace and joy which you have prepared through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

God of Grace and God of Glory, GtG 307

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

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just, and will fulfill the promise, forgiving our sin and cleansing us from all wrongdoing. Therefore, with candor and confidence, humility and hope, let us confess our sin before one another and Almighty God.

All: Merciful God, you sent your Son as Prince of Peace. Yet how often we have gone to war invoking his name! We have not sought peace and pursued it with the same energy and devotion with which we have done battle. Forgive us and cleanse us from our hatred, prejudice, warfare, and greed. Even as we honor the warriors of our past and present, help us to build a future marked by your peace in our homes, our churches, our communities, our nation, our world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us, GtG 575*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: Hear the Good News: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

⌘ GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father, GtG 581*

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

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

Encountering God's Word

⌘ SONG for ILLUMINATION

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, GtG 377

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

The ANTHEM

Some of These Mornin's

Traditional Spiritual Arranged by Mark Hayes

Gonna see my mother some of these mornin's,
see my mother some of these mornin's,
see my mother some of these mornin's,
hope I'll join the band.

Look away in the heaven,
Look away in the heaven,
Look away in the heaven,
Lord, hope I'll join the band.

Oh, sittin' in the kingdom some of these mornin's,
sittin' in the kingdom some of these mornin's,
sittin' in the kingdom some of these mornin's,
hope I'll join the band.

Gonna see my brother some of these mornin's,
see my brother some of these mornin's,
see my brother some of these mornin's,
hope I'll join the band.

Look away in the heaven,
Look away in the heaven,
Look away in the heaven,
Lord, hope I'll join the band.

Oh, shoutin' in the heaven some of these mornin's,
shoutin' in the heaven some of these mornin's,
shoutin' in the heaven some of these mornin's,
hope I'll join the band.

Gonna walk about Zion some of these mornin's,
walk about Zion some of these mornin's,
walk about Zion some of these mornin's,
hope I'll join the band.

Look away in the heaven,
Look away in the heaven,
Look away in the heaven,
Lord, hope I'll join the band.

Hope I'll join the heavenly band.

SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 46:8-11

NEWER TESTAMENT GOSPEL READING:

John 14:23-29 & Matthew 5:43-48

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

MORNING MESSAGE

"That They May Not Have Died in Vain"

Rev. Bob Willits, UOVP Honorably Retired

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

This Is My Song, **GtG 340**

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Those who sow sparingly will also reap sparingly, and those who sow bountifully will also reap bountifully. God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work. Each of us must give as we have made up our minds, not reluctantly or under compulsion, but gladly, for God loves a cheerful giver. Let us continue our worship by the bringing of our tithes and offerings.

(congregation may be seated)

The OFFERTORY

O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

Lyrics by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Hymn Tune: JERUSALEM; Music by C. Hubert H. Parry

Arranged by Jantz A. Black

Please refer to **GtG 373**.

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

⌘ PRAYER of DEDICATION

All things come from Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Lord, we dedicate these gifts that represent ourselves, and we ask you: receive them in love, multiply them and their affect, and cause them to serve your purposes

within these walls, among our neighbors, in our community, and in the world you love so much that you sent your only Son to save it. In Christ's name we pray. 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 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies, GtG 338*

⌘ BENEDICTION

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⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan	Bob Kanthers
Scott Winters	Bettie Steele	Drew Seabright
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Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver	Joanne Winters

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