

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Acts 16:16-34 and Psalm 97 or 2 Kings 2:1-15 and

Psalm 2 ~ Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

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

OHIO VALLEY BRASS QUINTET

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Composed by W. M. Steffe; Arranged by D. M. Johnson

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand, GtG 331

*"hymn of praise and prayer for peace"
and which was included in the service
on Memorial Sunday, May 28, 1944*

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

All: let the many coastlands be glad!

Liturgist: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;

All: and all the peoples behold his glory.

Liturgist: Light dawns for the righteous,

All: and joy for the upright in heart.

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

All: and give thanks to his holy name!

OPENING PRAYER

Our God, the heavens declare your glory and the firmament shows for the work of your hands. As we fully experience the good news of Easter and look toward the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, open our hearts and minds to your Word dwelling within us, calling us to unity in Christ. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Great Are You, Lord: Great Is the Lord, GtG 614

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

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ even prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed

before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world, and is head of the church, his body.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

In God Alone, GtG 814

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners. Siblings, believe the promise of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

God Will Take Care of You
The Celebration Hymnal #692

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

People of the Light

Incorporating tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

*Refer to GtG 827, O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright,
and the notes at the bottom of that page.*

O Morning Star, send forth Your light.

Bring heaven's glory to our night.

Together, we shall praise You.

O Righteous Star, shine in this place.

Clothe us in light and perfect grace.

Awake our hearts to service.

You are holy. You are holy.

You are glory. You are worthy of our praise.

Let the church break forth with joyful music.

REFRAIN: We are people of the Light.

We are keepers of the flame,
children of the Morning Star.
We shine the glory of God's name.
We are temples of the dawn.
We are torches burning bright,
reflections of the risen Son.
We are God's beacon for the right.
May our altars blaze with worship.
May our candles warm the night.
Come and shine through us, Lord Jesus,
for Your glory, make us people of the Light.

Lord, may Your brilliance pour from ev'ry window.
Lord, may Your radiance shine on ev'ry face.
Lord, let the warmth of Your love show through us.
Lord, let Your light from above flow through us.
Lord, may the flame of Your Spirit renew us.
Speak once again, "Let there be Light!" *REFRAIN...*

The SCRIPTURE

PSALTER SINGING:

Psalm 97

- ¹ The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!**
- ² *Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.***
- ³ Fire goes before him
and consumes his adversaries on every side.**
- ⁴ *His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.***
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.**
- ⁶ *The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples behold his glory.***
- ⁷ All servants of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.**
- ⁸ *Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns^[a] of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments, O God.***
- ⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.**
- ¹⁰ *You who love the LORD, hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.***
- ¹¹ Light dawns^[b] for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.**

¹² ***Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!***

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Acts 16:16-34

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From the Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed, GtG 489

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Jesus prayed: As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. Living in the world, we gather the gifts we have received, and bring them before God, offering back what we have, so that the world may know the love of Christ and become one. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Please refer to GtG 661, verses 1 and 3.

⌘ 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

As Elisha took up Elijah's mantle, we present these gifts that through them the church may take up the mantle of Christ and proclaim his Word to the world through acts of justice and love. 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

Freedom Is Coming, GtG 359

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *My Country, 'Tis of Thee, GtG 337*

also included in the service on Memorial Sunday, May 28, 1944

⌘ POSTLUDE

OHIO VALLEY BRASS QUINTET

America, the Beautiful

Composed by Samuel A. Ward; Arranged by David Uber

⌘ 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 Barbara Chaapel and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2022

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 59; Giving for the month of April was \$7,360.
- We thank Kevin Miller for serving as liturgist today.
- 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 is hosting the Big Band Exp! on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. It is a new and exciting experimental experience featuring music of the great band leaders Glenn Miller, Les Brown, Woody Herman & Benny Goodman. Music performed by the Collaborative Connection Keyboard Orchestra und the direction of Dr. Millard Neal. Vocals by Cindy Moss and dance by Cassidy Sansone. Tickets cost \$20 per person and can be purchased on Sunday morning in the Narthex or from the church office during office hours.
- The Church office will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day. Staff will return Tuesday, May 31, 2022.
- We welcome the Ohio Valley Brass Quintet for helping lead us in Worship this morning.
- Vance Youth are invited to attend the Chris Tomlin and Hillsong United Concert in Pittsburgh on Friday, June 10, 2022. Please RSVP to Pastor Erica if you would like to come. Friends encouraged!

Vance Calendar

Week of May 29, 2022 through June 05, 2022

Sun. May 29

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Mon. May 30

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*

Tue. May 31

- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6, *Fellowship Hall*

Wed. June 01

- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- **6:30pm, Nominating Committee, Squibb Room**
- **7pm, Big Band Dance Lesson, Fellowship Hall**
- **7pm, Handbell Practice, Sanctuary**
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thur. June 02

- 12pm, Presbytery Pastor's Bible Study, *Potter Chapel*
- 3pm, Presbytery Round Table, *Potter Chapel*
- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission, Squibb Room**
- 6:30pm, Presbytery Committee on Ministry, *Potter Chapel*
- **7:30pm, Worship & Music Commission, Squibb Room**

Fri. June 03

Sat. June 04

- 8pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. June 05

- **10am, Communion 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.