

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Acts 2:1-12 ~ Psalm 104:24-34,35b

John 7:37-39 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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 HYMN

Open the Eyes of My Heart, GtG 452

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

All: Alleluia!

Liturgist: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

All: Alleluia!

Liturgist: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!, GtG 506

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

Liturgist: God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

Congregation: God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God, GtG 286, verse 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

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

For Everyone Born, GtG 769

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jane Schockey

The ANTHEM

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Arranged by Stephen DeCesare

In the midst of His children the Lord said He would be.
It doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three.
And I feel that same sweet Spirit that I've felt oft times before;
Surely I can say I've been with the Lord.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

There's a holy hush around us, as God's glory fills the place.
I've touched the hem of His garment, I can almost see His face.
And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of His joy;
I know without a doubt that I've been with the Lord.

Surely the Spirit of the Lord is here in love
And it brings God's peace and quiet as a dove.
I can see the glow of angels' wings shining brightly from above.

Surely the Spirit of the Lord is here in love.

Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart,
and it's here when we're together or apart.

Now I feel the rush of angels' wings and I know how great Thou art.

Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart.

The SCRIPTURE

NEWER TESTAMENT EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Westminster Larger Catechism

Leader: How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it? (7.281 Q. 171)

All: They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto; by examining themselves, of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance, love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

Leader: What is the duty of Christians after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper? (7.285 Q. 175)

A. The duty of Christians after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is seriously to consider how they have behaved themselves therein, and with what success; if they find quickening and comfort, to bless God for it, beg the continuance of it, watch against relapse, fulfill their vows, and encourage themselves to a frequent attendance on that ordinance: but if they find no present benefit, more exactly to review their preparation to, and carriage at, the sacrament; in both which if they can approve themselves to God and their own consciences, they are to wait for the fruit of it in due time; but if they see that they have failed in either, they are to be humbled, and to attend upon it afterward with more care and diligence.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art, GtG 624

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.

(congregation may be seated)

The OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together

Traditional Spiritual arranged by Moses Hogan

Please refer to GtG 525.

⌘ 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

All: Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you. And our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for you care for us, and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, GtG 649

⌘ BENEDICTION

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⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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AdVance Announcements

Sunday, May 31, 2020

- *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.
- Good Morning! Please fill-out, sign and pass the Pew Pad to fellow worshippers and place it in the pew rack near the center aisle. Please place today's slip in the offering plate as it passes.
- Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available at the Welcome center in the Narthex. Inquire with an usher and they will assist you.
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 28.
- Giving for May was \$40,019.63.

