

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **Second Sunday after Pentecost Memorial Sunday ~ Communion**

June 2, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 ~ Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 ~ Mark 3:20-35

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

*Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional Irish

Arranged for STRING QUARTET by Thomas Quigley

*Please refer to GtG 450.*

## CHIMES

*LET THE CHILDREN COME*

## GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL to WORSHIP

**Leader:** We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

**Leader:** We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

**All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

**Leader:** We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

**All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

**Leader:** We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

**All: Let us worship God.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

### ⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*God Is Here, GtG 409*

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

**Leader:** In the midst of busy lives, our time of corporate confession gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to him in prayer, that he might offer us his healing and his peace. Let us pray.

**All: Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls.**

## SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

### SUNG RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551*

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Liturgist:** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name. Trust that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**All: 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**

### *CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

#### The ANTHEM

*Just Beyond This Land of Mortals*

Words and Music by Amber R. Maxwell

Arranged by Heather Sorenson

There's a place so fair, nothing can compare where no one ever quarrels.  
Ev'ry smile is real, ev'ry hurt is healed just beyond this land of mortals.

There's a place of light where there is no night inside of heaven's portals.  
Beauty all around, what a joyful sound, just beyond this land of mortals.

Home waits there upon that shore where the air is pure and clean.  
Sorrows are remembered no more in the presence of the King.

There's a place of peace where the soul is free, and the heart is always loyal  
to the great I AM, Christ the risen Lamb, just beyond this land of mortals.

Home waits there upon that shore where the air is pure and clean.  
Sorrows are remembered no more in the presence of the King.

Ev'ry smile is real, ev'ry hurt is healed just beyond this land of mortals.

#### The SCRIPTURE

##### HEBREW TESTAMENT READINGS:

Psalm 81:1-10

##### NEWER TESTAMENT READINGS:

Mark 3:20-35

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

### MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

# **Responding to God's Word**

## **The SERVICE of REMEMBRANCE**

### **2014**

Michael Cox  
Kathleen Hannig  
John Medick  
John Morrison  
Nancy Paull  
Joyce Welty

### **2015**

Gordon Downie  
Mary Jane Hopkins  
Nancy Monroe  
Mary Ellen Robinson  
Lloyd Smith

### **2016**

Brent Bush  
Betty Campbell  
Ruth Hare  
Carol Maxwell  
Linda Morrison  
Daniel Naranch  
Linda Peterson  
Alice Trapp

### **2017**

Francina Arsenault  
Stephanie Bloch  
Stuart Bloch  
A.J. Gray  
Kenneth Kline  
Doris Medick  
Ireta Tebay  
Margaret Tebay  
Dick Wyatt

### **2018**

Virginia Bailes  
Charlie Hare

### **2019**

Frank Bush  
Priscilla Butler  
Sally Ezell  
Mary Hudnall  
Jay Parmar  
Edna May Barger  
Jesse McHenry  
Peggy Bates

### **2020**

William Maxwell  
Wileta Bell  
Martha Kelley  
Jane McCamic

### **2021**

Thomas Monroe  
Ned George  
Donald Hendrickson  
Deborah Cox

### **2022**

Virginia Dulany  
Dorothy Albasin  
Elizabeth Provance  
Marilyn Phyllis

### **2023**

Bettie Steele  
Nina McHenry  
Floretta Frame  
Elizabeth Holden

### **2024**

Martha Strasser

## **⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING**

**Leader:** We believe in a God who provides abundantly for our needs. In gratitude, let us share a portion of what we have been given, for the work of this community and the benefit of our neighbors. *(congregation may be seated)*

## **The OFFERTORY**

*We Cannot Measure How You Heal*  
Words by John L. Bell and Graham Maule  
Scottish Folk Tune YE BANKS AND BRAES  
Arranged by John L. Bell  
*Please refer to **GtG 797.***

## **STRING QUARTET**

Dena Miller, Violin; Ben Podolski, Violin  
Derek Pavlic, Viola; Susanna Reilly, Cello

Dr. Gail Looney, Flute

## **⌘ 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**

**Provider God, we give you thanks for all your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to**

**practice our faith together. Take these offerings we bring today and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in your compassionate care for us and for all you have created. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*(congregation may be seated)*

## The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

**Leader:** This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

### Great Thanksgiving

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Leader:** Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

**All sing GtG 552.**      **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**  
                                 **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
                                 **Hosanna in the highest.**  
                                 **Blessed is The One who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
                                 **Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

**Leader:** We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

**Leader:** Great is the mystery of faith:

**All sing GtG 553. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Leader:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All sing GtG 554: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**All sing *The Lord's Prayer*,  
The Celebration Hymnal #631.**

Our Father, which 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, Amen.

**Leader:** Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus also said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst. The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup**

**Communion of the People**

*Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen  
Presented by VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

**Prayer after Communion**

**Leader:** God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds**

⌘ CLOSING HYMN *What Is the World Like*, **GtG 771**

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*, **GtG 700**

⌘ 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 Ellen Williams Hensle and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2024.

# 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 and to our Facebook Live congregation watching on [facebook.com/VancePresbyterian](https://facebook.com/VancePresbyterian). Remote listeners can go to [vancechurch.org](https://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.
- Worship guests are particularly welcome this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex to receive a free gift and to leave us your contact information.
- The March 2024 receipts to the congregational general budget were \$19,966. Expenses for March were \$73,335. Examples of the cost of maintaining our building during March are: utilities of \$8,229 along with repairs and maintenance expenses of \$13,650.
- We thank Frank Provance for serving as liturgist today.
- Chancel flowers donated by Wendy and Phil Polack in memory of Stephanie Bloch and Jane McCamic, who underwrote the expenses for the special music and flowers for this service for many years.
- Next Sunday, June 09, 2024, is our Outdoor Worship and Pot Luck Lunch at Hess Shelter in Oglebay Park. Worship at 11am and lunch at noon. Chicken, drinks and utensils will be supplied. Cupcakes will be present for dessert. Everyone please bring a covered dish.
- Do you know how easy, safe, and convenient it is to use our new E-giving for your tithe or offering? Very easy indeed! Just go to the church website [www.vancechurch.org](https://www.vancechurch.org) and click on the "GIVE" button on the front page. A new page will "pop-up" with a giving form you can fill out with your offering amount and payment method. You can make one-time gifts or set-up recurring gifts that will automatically withdraw from your bank account. Tithing is the foundation of giving and E-giving makes it easy to give whenever the Holy Spirit moves you toward generosity.

# Vance Calendar

Week of June 02, 2024 through June 09, 2024

## Sun. Jun. 02

- **9:30am, Children's Communion Training, Merriman Chapel**
- **10am, Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Adult Sunday School, The Chosen, Squibb Room**
- **No Fellowship Activity tonight.**

## Mon. Jun. 03

- 11am, UOVP Training & Development, *General Presbyter's Office*
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 1pm, UOVP Presbytery Peacemaking Committee, *General Presbyter's Office*
- **4:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Church Office**

## Tue. Jun. 04

## Wed. Jun. 05

- **4pm, Nominating Committee Meeting, Squibb Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room*

## Thur. Jun. 06

- 3pm, UOVP Executive Round Table, *UOVP Resource Center*
- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission, Wheeler Room**
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Soup & Bread, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, UOVP Committee on Ministry, ZOOM

## Fri. Jun. 07

## Sat. Jun. 08

- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chapel*

## Sun. Jun. 09

- **11am, Outdoor Worship Service and Pot Luck Lunch, Oglebay Hess Shelter**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Room*

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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, Harmony House, and Wishing Well Learning Center.