

# VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

1 Samuel 17:32-49 ~ Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 ~ Mark 4:35-41

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

*Why Should I Feel Discouraged?:  
His Eye Is on the Sparrow, GtG 661*

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Mark 4:35-41)

**Liturgist:** When the storms of life arise

**All: and the waves threaten to overturn the boat of our faith,**

**Liturgist:** remember the power of our Savior

**All: to calm, and to still, and to establish peace.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Lonely the Boat, GtG 185*

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

**Leader:** God gathers and prepares us for worship. Let us confess the sins that detract and distract us from God's path.

**All: Holy God, we doubt you and are people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clear. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*Nothing Can Trouble, GtG 820*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love.

**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**

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears GtG 815*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery.)

#### **The ANTHEM**

*I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL arranged by Lloyd Larson

Did ever you see the like before, King Jesus preaching to the poor?

Wasn't that a happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away?

My Lord's done just what He said, He's healed the sick and raised the dead

#### **The SCRIPTURE**

##### **HEBREW TESTAMENT READING**

**1 Samuel 17:32-49**

##### **NEWER TESTAMENT READING**

**Mark 4:35-41**

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

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica Harley

## **Responding to God's Word**

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God and God's ministry.

**The OFFERTORY**

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

American Folk Hymn  
Arranged by Andy Beck

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, I hear the music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, I hear the music ringing.  
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth how can I keep from singing?

⌘ 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

**Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us and your world. Amen.**

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

*Be Still, My Soul* **GtG 819**

⌘ 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 Teri McDowell 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. Remote 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.*
- 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.
- Membership Tithes and Offerings for the month of May 2024 were \$8,594. Worship and Music expenses, including choir and additional musicians, for the same time period were \$7,762.
- Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School to be held July 14-July 18 at Christ United Methodist Church from 6-8pm, for ages 3 through Fifth Grade. See the sign-up in the Narthex.
- Vance Church T-Shirts are again available for purchase. See the sign-up in the Narthex.
- We thank Drew Seabright for serving as liturgist today.

# Vance Calendar

Week of June 23, 2024 through June 30, 2024

Sun. June 23

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Wash. Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Rm*

Mon. June 24

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, *Fellowship Hall*
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- **12pm, C.E. Commission Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **4:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Office**
- 5:00pm, YWCA FVPP Advisory Council Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Tue. June 25

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

Wed. June 26

- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

Thur. June 27

- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Soup & Bread, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, PEO Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Fri. June 28

Sat. June 29

- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. June 30

- **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, Harmony House, and Wishing Well Learning Center.