

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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5th Sunday after Pentecost COMMUNION

July 5, 2020 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 ~ Psalm 45:10-17 or

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25 ~ Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

A Virtual Presentation: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

HYMN TUNE: Materna

Refer to GtG 338.

and

Trumpet and Piano: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYMN TUNE: Hyfrydol

Refer to GtG 366.

CHIMES

LET the CHILDREN COME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved of God,

People: **the winter is past,**

Leader: the flowers appear on the earth,

People: **the time of singing has come.**

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.

OPENING PRAYER

All: Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you invade our sleep; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus—our hope, our confidence—and your beloved Son. Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Jesus Calls Us, GtG 720

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

Leader: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

All: Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus' name we pray.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear this gospel word: Now there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. I declare to you now, in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sin is forgiven. You have been freed for service in his name.

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 for ILLUMINATION

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
The Servant Song, GtG 727*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

Lord, Listen to Your Children
Words and Music by Ken Medema
Refer to the refrain at GtG 469.

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,
when the people of the Lord get down to pray;
A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumbling down,
when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

You're gonna know it, when the Lord stretches out His hand,
and the people of the Lord get down to pray;
There's gonna be a brand new song of vict'ry in this land,
when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

The SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

HEBREW BIBLE READING:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 59-67

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

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** *We Give Thee but Thine Own, GtG 708*

⌘ **INVITATION to the OFFERING**

Leader: When Rebekah's family asked whether she would yield her life to God's purposes, she answered, "I will." Every day each of us is challenged by that same question. May the offerings we now bring symbolize our yielding. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts

Arranged by John Purifoy

TUNE: Shaker Hymn

Adapted for Trumpet by Robert Gray

Please refer to GtG 157.

⌘ **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: Gracious Creator, you have laced our lives with blessing. As we present these offerings, we also tender our lives. Make us your bold and faithful people, willing to go forward in faith wherever you would lead us, that we might be a comfort in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, by the gift of your empowering Spirit. 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 he 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.

Please join in singing 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!

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus 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

COMMUNION MEDITATION

including *O God, in a Mysterious Way*, **GtG 30**

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

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

A REPRISE: *Please sing along.*

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HYMN TUNE: Materna

Refer to GtG 338.

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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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.*
- 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 31.
- Giving for June was \$29,225.62.
- Temple Shalom will be holding it's Annual Congregations for Caring Box Lunch Fundraiser! Options are corned beef, turkey, or tuna with chips, pickle, and fruit for \$10 a box. You must reserve your order in advance by calling the Temple office at 304-233-4870. Pick up your order on Sunday, July 12, 2020 from 11am-1pm. All checks should be payable to "Wheeling Health Right".