

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 09, 2020 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 ~ Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15 ~ Matthew 14:22-33

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 for WORSHIP

The Blind Ploughman

Music by Robert Coningsby Clarke

Lyrics by Marguerite Radclyffe-Hall

Set my hand upon the plough, my feet upon the sod:
Turn my face toward the east, and praise be to God!
Ev'ry year the rains do fall, the seedlings they stir and spring;
Ev'ry year the spreading trees shelter birds that sing.

From the shelter of your heart, brother drive out sin.
Let the little birds of faith come and nest therein
God has made His sun to shine on both you and me;
God, who took away my eyes, that my soul might see!

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: God lifts us from death to life

All: and preserves us for God's purposes

Liturgist: through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord

All: with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgist: with thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, GtG 65

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

Liturgist: Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

Congregation: Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your righteousness;
Make Your way plain before my face.
Lead me, Lord.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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

Help Us Accept Each Other, GtG 754

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

Hold On

Spiritual arranged by Margaret Bonds

Noah, Noah, let me come in,
Door's all fastened and the window's pinned,
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold on.

Noah said "You done los' your track,
Can't plow straight and keep a-lookin' back."
Keep your hand on the plow,
Hold on, hold on, hold on.
Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

Mary had a golden chain,
Ev'ry link was in my Jesus' name,
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold on.

Keep on a-plowin' an' don't you tire,
Ev'ry round goes higher and hi'er,
Keep your hand on the plow,
Hold on, hold on, hold on,
Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

Wanna go to heav'n, I'll tell you how,
Keep your hand on the gospel plow,
Keep your hand on-a that plow, Hold on.

If that plow stays in your hand,
Gonna land you straight in the Promised Land,
Keep your hand on-a that plow,

Hold on, hold on, hold on.

Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.
Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

The SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 14:22-33

HEBREW BIBLE READING:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A Brief Statement of Faith: 11.3

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.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

In the Bulb There Is a Flower, GtG 250

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation. Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to him. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

You Will I Love

Arranged by Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi

Tune: WAYFARING STRANGER, Traditional Appalachian Folksong

Words by Johann Scheffler, Translated by Catherine Winkworth

Adaptation and Additional Words by Tom Fettke

You will I love, my strength, my tower; You will I love, my hope, my joy;
You will I love with all my power, with fervor time cannot destroy.
Because you fill my life with treasures of love, how deep, how broad, how high.
You will I love, my strength, my tower; You will I love, my hope, my joy.
You will I love, my hope, my joy.

You will I love, my life, my Savior; You are my best, my truest friend;
You will I love and praise forever, for never will Your kindness end.
Because with love You freely offer Your gifts of grace, by which I live;
You will I love, my life, my Savior; You are my best, my truest friend.
You are my best, my truest friend.

You will I love, my crown of gladness; You will I love, my God and Lord,
within the darkest depths of sadness, and not for hope of high reward.
Because with boundless love You purchased salvation for us through Your Son.
You will I love, my crown of gladness; You will I love, my God and Lord.
You will I love, my God and Lord.

⌘ **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**

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. 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** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save, GtG 8*

⌘ **BENEDICTION**

⌘ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE and POSTLUDE**

⌘ 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.
- Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available at the Welcome center in the Narthex. Inquire with an usher and they will assist you.
- Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer is available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 37.
- Giving for the month of July was \$25,522.66
- There will be a Deacon meeting Sunday, August 16, at 11:30 a.m. after church service. The meeting will be conducted via phone conference call.
- Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a Pool Party at the Wheeling Country Club on Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 5-8pm. A catered picnic dinner will be served. Please RSVP to the church by Thursday August 13, 2020 so we know how many participants to expect. All are welcome even if you prefer not to swim. The event is outside, and participants will be appropriately socially distanced.
- Volunteers to paint/stencil Woodsdale Elementary PTO Playground NEEDED! If you are interested, please let Stacy know by calling or texting 1-304-218-9433. Paint and supplies will be provided. Plan on early morning paint sessions beginning the morning of August 8th through August 23rd.