

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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13th Sunday After Pentecost

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 8, 2019 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 18:1-11 ~ Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Luke 14:25-33 ~ Philemon 1-21

The MISSION of
Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)
is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ
with everyone through Worship, Prayer,
Education, Fellowship, and Mission Outreach.

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE

Piano Quartet

Prelude for a New Day... Kevin Olson
Teresa Cybulski & Christine Gold
Hayley Sessums & Deborah Breiding

CHIMES

Handbell Solo

Carillon on Nettleton... Danny Lyons
Dan Tyska, Handbells: Eight-in-hand

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!, **GtG 305**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God

People: **As mortals charged with holy purpose,**

Leader: Let us worship the One who summons us to life.

People: **Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we marvel at your artistry and the trust you place in us. From our first cries to our final breaths, we are your own. Bind us now to each other in ways beyond our choosing, that your purpose might find fulfillment in our common life and service, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the firstborn of all creation. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

For Everyone Born, **GtG 769**

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

Leader: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

All: **Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and**

**raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory
and find your place in your purpose.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE with String Quartet

Ben Podolski and Judith Meyers, violin
Derek Pavlic, viola; Greta Schottman, cello

*A Covenant Prayer... Dan Forrest
(Commissioned by High Point University Choirs
for premiere performance in Carnegie Hall, March 28, 2011)*

I am no longer my own, but Thine.
Put me to what Thou wilt, rank me with whom Thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering,
I am no longer my own, but Thine.

Let me be employed for Thee or laid aside for Thee,
exalted for Thee, or brought low for Thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal,
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am Thine.
So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in Heaven.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

⌘ GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father, GtG 581*

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Encountering God's Word

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing, GtG 319

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

Preschool children are now excused to the Church Nursery

The ANTHEM

Build Your House on the Solid Rock

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

Based on Matthew 7:24-27

(In honor of Mike Claver

*in celebration of the 20th annual Love Thy Neighbor Community Choir Concert
benefiting Habitat for Humanity of McLean County, Illinois)*

Build your house on the strong and solid rock.
Build a firm foundation on the rock of our salvation.
You know that only the foolish man
will build his house on the soft and sinking sand.
Come, build your house on the solid rock.

When the floods are rising up and the rains are pouring down,
and the winds are blowing, winds are blowing, blowing all around.
If you listen to me and hear my words
and build your life on the things you've heard,
you'll be strong and you'll press on to stand through any storm.

So, come and build your house on the strong and solid rock...

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Luke 14:25-33

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, GtG 223

INVITATION to the OFFERING

All that we are points back to our Creator; all that we have is gift and trust. God will finish what God has begun; we have the privilege of taking part. With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

The OFFERTORY

Solo Handbells and Piano

Spiritual Medley... Arranged by Nancy Hascall

Includes "Steal Away", "Ain'a That Good News", and "Amen"

⌘ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, GtG 606*

⌘ PRAYER of DEDICATION

God of all creation, your claim on us is total; your desire for us, complete. We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance. Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring. Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all that we love and all that we fear to your holy purpose. For we long to cede our lives to you; we long to know the fullness of your joy. We dare to pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life out of love for the world. 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

The Church of Christ in Every Age, GtG 320

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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SESSION		
2019	2020	2021
Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad	Karen DiOrio
Ted Owens	Rowena Baker	Michelle John
Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan	Bob Kanters
Scott Winters	Bettie Steele	Drew Seabright
DEACONS		
2019	2020	2021
Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl	Kathy Hannan
Marjorie Easton	Russ Green	Tom John
Carol Myers	Janet Hart	Mark Kenamond
Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver	Joanne Winters

The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Erica L. Harley ~ Senior Pastor

Jane Schockey ~ Church Administrator/C.E. Director

Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music

Russ Brown ~ Head Custodian

Jay Carenbauer ~ Custodian

Keith Wilson ~ Sound, Video, and Media Coordinator

Christina Kestner ~ Seminary Intern for Outreach & Community Service

Kimberly Wolfe ~ Nursery Attendant

~ MINISTERS of the CHURCH: ALL MEMBERS ~

MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN

Caleb and Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

COMMISSIONS	ELDER MEMBERS
Building and Property	John Hargleroad, Ted Owens, Drew Seabright and Scott Winters
Christian Education	Jill Flanagan, Drew Seabright, and Bettie Steele
Evangelism, Fellowship, & Membership	John Hargleroad, Michelle John, and Bob Kanters
Mission Outreach & Community Service	Rowena Baker, Beth Ann Dague and Karen DiOrio
Worship & Music	Bob Kanters, Geri Sloane, and Bettie Steele
COMMITTEES	ELDER MEMBERS
Nominating	Geri Sloane & Scott Winters
Personnel	Beth Ann Dague
Stewardship, Finance & Memorial	Michelle John and Scott Winters
DEACON LEADER IN CURRENT MONTH: Joelle Oliver	
OFFICERS	
Clerk of Session	Julie Squibb
Church Treasurer	Paul Limbert

