

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 16, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Proverbs 1:20-33 ~ Psalm 19

James 3:1-12 ~ Mark 8:27-38

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Be Thou My Vision, GtG 450

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom, GtG 174

RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Look at the heavens!

All: They are shouting the glory of God.

Leader: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

All: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Leader: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

All: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

All: It says in the Bible, O God, that you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful! And so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth. Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and individuals, we use our words to build up and not destroy. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak, GtG 722

CONFESSION and time of self-examination

Leader: Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God, and from each other, that we may experience God's mercy and receive God's forgiveness.

All: You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and use those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the

insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us, GtG 575*

RESPONSIVE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven. Live in peace!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

⌘ **GLORIA PATRI** *Glory Be to the Father, GtG 575*

⌘ **PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST**

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

Encountering God's Word

⌘ **SONG for ILLUMINATION**

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People, GtG 453

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

The ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

Swedish Folk Melody Adapted and Arranged by Stuart K. Hine
Choral Setting by Joel Raney

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Proverbs 1:20-33

NEWER TESTAMENT EPISTLE READING:

James 3:1-12

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 *Though I May Speak*, **GtG 693**

INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: God has given us the sun and made us stewards of all creation. God has given us our lives and our very beings. Let us give to God, from what God has given us.

THE OFFERTORY

Canticle of the Sun

Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
and sing, Sing to the glory of the Lord.

Verse 1:

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way
Unto you throne

Verse 2:

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
The seas mighty storms the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will, they blow where they please
To please the Lord.

Verse 3:

Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life their myst'ry revealed
Springs forth in joy.

Verse 4:

Praise for the fire who give us his light,
The warmth of the sun to brighten our night;
He dances with joy, his spirit so bright,
He sings of you.

Verse 5:

Praise for the earth who makes life to grow,
The creatures you made to let your life show;
The flowers the trees that help us to know
The heart of love.

Verse 6:

Praise for our death that makes our life real,
The knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;
The gift of yourself, your presence revealed
To lead us home.

⌘ DOXOLOGY

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

⌘ UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

All: God of wisdom, may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need. Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given us for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. 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 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord, GtG 707*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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CH=Celebration Hymnal (Red)
GtG=Glory to God (screen or insert)

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Lectionary Selections of Scripture for NEXT Sunday:

Proverbs 31:10-31 ~ Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a ~ **Mark 9:30-37**

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 2018 • 10:00 a.m.

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