

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**World Communion Sunday**

**October 7, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.**



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

**Ephesians 2:14-22**

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

*Lift Every Voice and Sing, GtG 339*

## CHIMES

## GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**All: The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**

Leader: And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

**All: We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.**

Leader: Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

**All: Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!**

## UNISON OPENING PRAYER

**All: Dear God, we exalt you. From the snowcapped peaks of the Himalayas to the life-sustaining plains of the Serengeti, the mystery of your glory is revealed. From the vineyards to the wheat fields, the mystery of your glory is revealed. In the eyes of the young and the wisdom of those who have sojourned with you, the mystery of your glory is revealed. Your glory is over all the earth and we bless your holy name. Today we honor the victory in your right hand. Your victory is the promised peace which rescues those you love. Your peace comes from a level playing field, where love is higher than the heavens and faithfulness reaches the clouds. Great is your love, and great is your faithfulness to us, and for this we give you thanks, for this too is the mystery of your glory. Amen.**

## ⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say, GtG 400 on screen*

## CONFESSION and time of self-examination

Leader: When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer of confession:

**All: Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded,**

**Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE            *Lord Have Mercy, GtG 551 on screen*

RESPONSIVE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

⌘ GLORIA PATRI            *Glory to God, GtG 585 on screen*

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

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

## **Encountering God's Word**

⌘ SONG for ILLUMINATION

*Peace of God Be With You, GtG 448 on screen*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

The ANTHEM

*Like a River in My Soul*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

Arranged by Tim Osiek and Edited by Dan Forrest

The SCRIPTURE

EPISTLE READING:

Ephesians 2:14-22

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

*Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace, GtG 425 on screen*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Christ reconciled us to God so that we might be one new humanity. Through this reconciliation comes the promise of peace. Let us give with an open heart to share this reconciliation of Christ throughout the world.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*One World, One Communion*  
Words and Music by Pepper Choplin  
Katie Shaffer, flute

⌘ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GtG 606 (PH 592)*

⌘ UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

**All: Most loving and gracious God, we offer these gifts to you to do good works. May they help us to discern the ways in which you would have us break down the dividing walls and boundaries in our world, as we seek to erase hostilities and bring peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

## The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: On this day around the world, the table has been set, and at this moment we are one family at one table. Imagine the world seated with Christ at a sumptuous feast. Today we have a glimpse of that with World Communion Sunday. The invitation to this table is for all. We are all welcome to this, Christ's table.

### Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Embracing God, we give thanks for being brought together by your Spirit. In your presence, we come to know the true depths of your love for us. And it is good. In your presence, our eyes are opened and we see the best of your creation. And it is good. In your presence, the fullness of grace teaches us to love one another as you love us. And that is good. We come together at this table to remember this sacrament.

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: Creator God, we are amazed at your holy and diverse creation. You made us in your image and offered us every good gift in the garden, yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we could be like you. In so doing, we rejected your intended diversity for us, a human sin that we still can't shake. Prophets came through the ages to help us mend our ways. And still we fought and tried to conquer others to make all manner of nations live like one another. Jesus came and finally showed us how to truly love. He sat with sinners and tax collectors, he touched diseased bodies with gentleness, he lifted others from their deathbed and, even with his dying breath, promised rest to a thief on the cross. Gracious God, you gave us your Son. He died and rose again on the third day so that we might have life everlasting. With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday your people cry out:

**Sung Response All:**     *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.*     **GtG 552 on screen**

Leader: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored. The grains have been harvested and the bread has been baked. The grapes have been collected from the vine and the juice has been pressed. They come together on this table for a holy purpose. Holy Spirit come, breathe your blessings on these common elements of bread and juice. Bring us to the table with Christ. Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

**Sung Response All:**  
*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.* **GtG 553 on screen**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sung Response All:** *Amen. Amen. Amen.* **GtG 554 on screen**

### ***Sung Lord's Prayer, CH 631***

*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!*

### **Words of Institution**

Leader: Our Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup**

#### **Communion of the People**

*Gluten-free elements are available upon request.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Leader: Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one.

**All: Amen.**

## **Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds**

⌘ CLOSING HYMN      *O Day of Peace, GtG 373 on screen*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE      VANCE CHOIR

⌘ ORGAN POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

PH=Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue);  
CH=Celebration Hymnal (Red)  
GtG=Glory to God (screen or insert)

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**10:00 a.m. Service of Worship regularly broadcast over WKWK-FM 97.3**

# 2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY

<b>Clerk of Session</b> .....	Julie Squibb
<b>President of the Board of Deacons</b> .....	Russ Green
<b>Church Treasurer</b> .....	Paul Limbert
<b>Chairperson of Building and Property Commission</b> .....	Ted Owens
<b>Chairperson of Christian Education Commission</b> .....	Jill Flanagan
<b>Chairperson of Worship &amp; Music Commission</b> .....	Howard Monroe
<b>Chairperson of Missions Commission</b> .....	Carol Obermann
<b>Chairperson of Personnel Committee</b> .....	Beth Ann Dague
<b>Chairpersons of Hospitality</b> .....	Sue Abraham, Rowena Baker, Carol Myers
<b>Chairperson of Finance/Memorials Committee</b> .....	Michelle John
<b>Chairperson of Nominating Committee</b> .....	Scott Winters
<b>Chairperson of Stewardship Committee</b> .....	Jay Frey
<b>Chairperson of Evangelism and Membership</b> .....	John Hargleroad
<b>Moderator of Presbyterian Women</b> .....	Virginia Dulany

## SESSION

2018	2019	2020
Jay Frey	Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad
Howard Monroe	Ted Owens	Phil Polack
Carol Obermann	Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan
Michelle John	Scott Winters	Bettie Steele

## DEACONS

2018	2019	2020
Kathy Hannan	Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl
Michael Hires	Marjorie Easton	Russ Green
Louise Limbert	Carol Myers	Janet Hart
Joanne Winters	Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver

### Congregational Nominating Committee for 2018

Members "at large" from our congregation:  
 Ginny Dulany, Sam Driehorst and Lynne Exley  
 Deacon: Michael Hires    Elders: Geri Sloane & Scott Winters

### **MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN**

Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

~ **MINISTERS of the CHURCH: ALL MEMBERS** ~

### **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 Social Media Coordinator**  
 Christina Kestner ~ **Seminary Intern**