

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Communion Sunday

November 4, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Ruth 1:1-18 ~ Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11-14 ~ **Mark 12:28-34**

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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, GtG 610, 5 verses on screen

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus our Christ offered himself—

All: once and for all—

Leader: so that our conscience can be free from all things that lead to death.

All: Let us freely go and worship the living God!

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

All: Dear Lord, you are our only hope. Teach us to put our trust in you. God, you are our help. Teach us the path of righteousness and turn us from the ways of the wicked, for we know that you love those who do justice. We will forever praise you for the glory of your righteous reign, now and forever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, GtG 203, 4 verses on screen

CONFESSION and time of self-examination

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, from whom our help comes.

All: O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments through Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

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

RESPONSIVE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful, and just. Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another, that we might walk in peace and love.

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

For All the Faithful Women, GtG 324 on screen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

The ANTHEM

There Will I Be

Craig Courtney

Based on Ruth 1:16, 17 & John 15:13

Ben Podolski, violin; Greta Schottman, cello

Where you go, I will go. Where you stay I will stay.
Your people will be my people and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die.
Where you die, I will die and there will I be with you.

There is no greater love than this:
That a friend lay down her/his life for another.

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Ruth 1:1-18

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Mark 12:28-34

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

What Is the World Like, GtG 771 on screen

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Our God is ever faithful and provides everything that we need.
Let us praise the Lord through our giving, that our offerings may be acceptable to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Shepherd Me, O God

Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Based on Psalm 23

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers told of his night of restlessness
[after the Tree of Life tragedy], of wrestling with Scripture.
When he has sleepless nights, he said, he often turns to the Psalms...

He thought of the 23rd Psalm:

"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want."

"Well, God, I want!" he said...

"What I want you can't give me," he continued.

"You can't return these 11 beautiful souls.

You can't rewind the clock."

But Rabbi Myers turned to a later portion of the Psalm,
about one's cup overflowing,
and recalled the overflow of phone, email and Facebook messages
from around the world, from people of all faiths offering support...

"My cup overflows with love," he said.

"That's how you defeat hate..."

~ from an article by Peter Smith for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

⌘ DOXOLOGY

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

⌘ UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

All: Dear God, we offer you this gifts that they might build up the work of your kingdom. Make us living witnesses to the way of your righteous reign. For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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:

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**

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.

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. Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung Response All:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. **GtG 553**

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**

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!*

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup

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.

Communion of the People

Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

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

More Love to Thee, O Christ, PH 359, GtG 828 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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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

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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

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Chairperson of Finance/Memorials Committee..... Michelle John
Chairperson of Nominating Committee.....Scott Winters
Chairperson of Stewardship Committee.....Jay Frey
Chairperson of Evangelism and Membership.....John Hargleroad
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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

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Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez