

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Isaiah 50:4-9a ~ Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11 ~ Luke 22:14-23:1-49

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: A FANFARE for PALM SUNDAY

Fanfare for Brass Quintet

By Gary D. Ziek

Presented by OHIO VALLEY BRASS QUINTET
John E. Leonard and Justin Schwertfeger, trumpets

Lara Cline, French Horn

Jerid Withers, trombone

Alan Cline, tuba

A PALM SUNDAY HYMN for ALL *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, GtG 197*

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Lamb of God

Words and Music by Twila Paris

Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

Please refer to **GtG 518**.

CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Liturgist: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Liturgist: The stone that the builders rejected

All: Has become the chief cornerstone.

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Liturgist: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Liturgist: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor, GtG 196*

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

Leader: We cannot escape the sin and brokenness in our world or in our hearts. But in Jesus Christ, God comes and meets us in our brokenness and makes us whole again. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

All: Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *What Wondrous Love Is This*, **GtG 215, V. 3**

DECLARATION OF PARDON (GtG #215)

Leader: What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul?

All: Amen.

Encountering God's Word

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION *My Song Is Love Unknown*, **GtG 209**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

The ANTHEM

Gethsemane with The Power of the Cross

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Setting by Lloyd Larson

To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to his knees,
the light of hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief.

What nameless horrors must he see to cry out in the garden:

 "O, take this cup away from me,
 yet not my will but yours, yet not my will but yours."

To know each friend will fall away and heaven's voice be still;
for hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill.

No words describe the Savior's plight to be by God forsaken
 till wrath and love are satisfied
 and ev'ry sin is paid, and ev'ry sin is paid.

What took him to this wretched place, what kept him on this road?

 His love for Adam's fallen race, for ev'ry broken soul.

No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry,
 all mingled in this poisoned cup,
 and yet he drank it all; the Savior drank it all.

 This, the pow'r of the cross:

Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the shame;
we stand forgiven at the cross.

The SCRIPTURE
HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 31:9-16

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Luke 22:14-23:1-49

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (based on Philippians 2:5-11)

We trust in God, the source of all hope, even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself and was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – Even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, So that at the name of Jesus ever knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father. Amen.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*, **GtG 221**

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Jesus tells us it is more blessed to give than to receive. May we who have received so much from the Lord give back as we receive the morning offering.

The OFFERTORY

Kingsfold

TRADITIONAL English Folk Song

Arranged by David Marlatt

OHIO VALLEY BRASS QUINTET

Please refer to GtG 182.

PRAYER of DEDICATION

God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts — the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Were You There, **GtG 228**

The STRIPPING of the CHANCEL

Ase Tod ("The Death of Ase")

From *Peer Gynt Suite* by Edvard Grieg

Arranged by Gary D. Ziek

OHIO VALLEY BRASS QUINTET

DEPART IN SILENCE...

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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Today's worship service liturgy is written by Ginna Bairby and provided for free distribution
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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 and to our Facebook Live congregation watching on facebook.com/VancePresbyterian. Remote 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.*
- Worship guests are particularly welcome this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex to receive a free gift and to leave us your contact information.
- We thank Sue Abraham for serving as liturgist today.
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Denise Williamson

- Ushers are Scott Winters, Zach Abraham, Ben Exley, Kevin Miller
- Liturgist is Karen DiOrio
- Welcome Center Volunteer is Jeanne Finstein

Vance Calendar

Week of April 13, 2025 through April 20, 2025

Sun. April 13

- **8:30am, Authentic Manhood, 33 The Series, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms, 2nd Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 2pm, Thursday Music Club Concert & Reception; *Sanctuary*
- 6pm, Wash. Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Mon. April 14

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- **5pm, Beginner's Bible Study, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*
- **7pm, Session, Squibb Room**

Tue. April 15

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 4pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 6pm, NAMI Free Dance Class, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6 and Troop 6000 Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*

Wed. April 16

- **5pm, Pack the Bags for Woodsdale/Steenrod Schools, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **6pm, EF&M Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *Junior League Room, 3rd Floor*

Thur. April 17

- **4-6pm, Maundy Thursday Drop-In Service with Meditation and Communion, Sanctuary**
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel, Library, Davis Study, Narthex**

Fri. April 18

- **12noon, Good Friday Service, Merriman Chapel**

Sat. April 19

- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. April 20

- **7am, Sunrise Service, Oglebay Park**
- **10am, Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary**

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Vance Church events are in bold type.