

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 07, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 ~ Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 ~ Mark 6:1-13

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

CHIMES

LET THE CHILDREN COME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

All: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

Liturgist: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

All: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.

Liturgist: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

All: let us gather to worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Lord, You Give the Great Commission, GtG 298

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

Leader: When we gather to worship God, we must first be honest with ourselves. We are not who God has called us to be as a people. We have not cared for others in every instance. We have made many mistakes. Let us unburden ourselves and confess our sins, knowing that God awaits to forgive and renew.

All: Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun. You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be. Know you

are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father, GtG 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

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

Encountering God's Word

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION

Just a Closer Walk with Thee, GtG 835

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

The ANTHEM

At the River

Hymn Tune arranged by Aaron Copland

Please refer to GtG 375, verses 1 and 4.

VOCAL SOLO: Dr. Alan Cline

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Mark 6:1-13

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism

⌘PRESENTATION

⌘PROFESSION OF FAITH

⌘APOSTLES' 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

⌘THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

⌘BAPTISM

⌘WELCOME

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons, GtG 726

⌘INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Let us then give back a portion of that goodness to God's work in the world.

(congregation may be seated)

The OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words by John Newton

Additional Words and Music by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY

Arranged by Tom Fettke

Please refer to GtG 649.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns,

Unending love, amazing grace.

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

⌘PRAYER of DEDICATION

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you. May they be used to bring grace and healing to this hurting world. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen. *(congregation may be seated)*

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:

All Sing GtG 552:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

All Sing GtG 553: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All Sing GtG 554: Amen, amen, amen.

All Sing *The Lord's Prayer,* The Celebration Hymnal #631.

Our Father, which 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, Amen.

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus also 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup

Communion of the People

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

May the God of Hope Go with Us: Song of Hope, GtG 765

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

Presented by VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Words by Julia Ward Howe

Music by William Steffe

Arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky

Please refer to GtG 354.

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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

Today's worship service liturgy is written by Tara W. Bulger and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2024.

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 Joanne Winters for serving as liturgist today.
- Membership Tithes and Offerings for the month of May 2024 were \$8,594. Worship and Music expenses, including choir and additional musicians, for the same time period were \$7,762.
- Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School to be held July 14-July 18 at Christ United Methodist Church from 6-8pm, for ages 3 through Fifth Grade. See the sign-up in the Narthex.
- Vance Church T-Shirts are again available for purchase. See the sign-up in the Narthex. Deadline to order is July 15th.
- Do you know how easy, safe, and convenient it is to use our new E-giving for your tithe or offering? Very easy indeed! Just go to the church website www.vancechurch.org and click on the "GIVE" button on the front page. A new page will "pop-up" with a giving form you can fill out with your offering amount and payment method. You can make one-time gifts or set-up recurring gifts that will automatically withdraw from your bank account. Tithing is the foundation of giving and E-giving makes it easy to give whenever the Holy Spirit moves you toward generosity.

Vance Calendar

Week of July 07, 2024 through July 14, 2024

Sun. July 07

- **10am, Communion Worship Service with Baptism, Sanctuary**
- **6pm, Game Night with Picnic Food, Fellowship Hall**

- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- **7:30pm, Youth Group, Robbie Clarke Room**

Mon. July 08

- 8am, YWCA Summer Camp, *Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & 2nd Floor CE Classrooms*
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- **4:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Wheeler Room**
- **7pm, Session Meeting, Squibb Room**

Tue. July 09

- 8am, YWCA Summer Camp, *Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & 2nd Floor CE Classrooms*
- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6 Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*

Wed. July 10

- 8am, YWCA Summer Camp, *Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & 2nd Floor CE Classrooms*
- **10am, Youth Group, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 4:30pm, YWCA Summer Parenting Classes, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thur. July 11

- 8am, YWCA Summer Camp, *Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & 2nd Floor CE Classrooms*
- 5pm, YWCA CDCO Advisory Board Meeting, *Squibb Room*
- **5:00pm, Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Fri. July 12

- 8am, YWCA Summer Camp, *Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & 2nd Floor CE Classrooms*

Sat. July 13

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

Sun. July 14

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **6pm, Vacation Bible School, Christ United Methodist Church**
- **7pm, Youth Group, Robbie Clarke Room**

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**Vance Church events are in bold type.**

Vance Church also houses the offices of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, Young Life, Junior League, Harmony House, and Wishing Well Learning Center.