



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: "Chorale Prelude on Amazing Grace"

Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

Prayer of Confession

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our prayers, the confession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in your place. Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with you. We are like dead people, going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know you and to live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment for Children

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall

know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Musical Interlude: "Lead Me Lord"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)

The New Testament Reading

John 11:17-37

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Message

"God Can Fix It"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Benediction

Benediction Response:

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, children all are we; Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace, eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude: "Prelude in C Major"

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)



Scripture Passages for the following week:
April 5, 2020—Palm Sunday
Psalm Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Dr. James Cochran, director of music, *playing the Richard and Patricia Fors Organ to the Glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, organist.*

Soloist: Michele Byrd, *soprano*

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Pete DeBaun.

VPC NEWS

The staff of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is well aware of the concerns regarding the spread of the Coronavirus. YOU, the people of this church, are the most important thing to us. If you need something, *please* let us know. The staff is taking precautions and working at the church, while using social distancing protocols and disinfecting surfaces regularly. We will update you with any changes to our schedule when more decisions are made. We will comply with the recommendations from the Federal, State and Local government and our Session.

Instead of coming into the church, please call us (597-5410) or email Barbara Bonavita (bbonavita@vpcnaples.org), Lisa Lloyd (llloyd@vpcnaples.org) or Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org) if you need assistance of any kind.

In an effort to “flatten the curve” of the spread of the Coronavirus, the Session decided to suspend our public worship gathering through the end of March. This also includes any special services, Sunday school classes and other Sunday activities planned on those dates. There was also a decision that all church meetings are either canceled or are to be held as virtual meetings through the end of March. During this time of constant change we want to stay connected to you. Please look on our website (www.vpcnaples.org) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO ASK FOR HELP: We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. Galatians 6:2 says, “*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*” God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, and help you through a tough time. Find out more by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dshearn249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com).

THE SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN & CHILDREN IS THERE TO HELP: Home is not a safe place for everybody. Now as never before, it is vital that the community help spread the word about services provided by The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. The same health protocols and regulations established to protect the public pose significant challenges and risk to victims of domestic violence. Isolation and social distancing can trap victims in their homes with their abusers and away from the people and resources that could help them. The Shelter's 24-hour Crisis Line is available to assist with safety planning and support, and our emergency shelter remains open with bed space available to victims in abusive relationships. Your assistance is critical to saving lives. If you see something, say something. Call 911. If you or someone you know is affected by domestic violence, call The Shelter's **24-hour Crisis Line at 239-775-1101**. Victims can also email info@naplesselter.org to access information and assistance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: February 2020:

	February	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 161,738	\$ 331, 861	\$ 274,400
Expenses	\$ 91,308	\$ 200, 158	\$ 196,500
Deo Mortgage Balance	2/29/2020	\$ 1,739,824	

Happy Birthday!

Dave Curtiss	3/29
*Nancy Miller	3/30
Eliza Nevin	3/30
*Ron Shaffer	3/31
*Kathryn Leaming	4/1
Marion Wayenberg	4/1
Toni Keefer	4/2
Rodger Jacob	4/3
Woody Schneider	4/3
Kelsey Lowe	4/4



Happy Anniversary!

Diana & Anthony Amato	3/29
Gail & Gary Gorran	3/31
Susie & Dick Hilton	4/01
Martha & Jim Fligg	4/01

***Birthday Club Members**

Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day! The VPC Endowment Board uses the interest income from the Birthday Club funds exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to hold in prayer our members and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know as they are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or a friend of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please notice that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be resubmitted.

Abigail
Jerry Alfieri
Annie
Gordon Black
Kathleen Bradford
Family of Carmen
Cassidy
Fernando Castillo
Ruth Cohen
David Daugherty
Connie Dawson
Margaret Degler
Asia Elsbree
Erin Falluca
Jim Fligg
Joseph Gagliano

Janel Geary
Gary Gorran
Linda & the Haggett Family
Michael Jeskey
Bob Kassing
LaDonna Lass
Carolyn Magarro
Judy Malone
Mark
Henry Miller
Carolyn Moore
Nate
Domenico Paglia
Christopher Parent
Bill & Jodi Reckmeyer
Mario Regoli

Carol Rodkey
Julio Rodriguez
Marsha Rust
Metty Ryan
Robin Ryan
Sonia
Christina Soriero
Tom Sletto
Suzanne Waylonis
Laura Warnken
CC Waskey
Zoey

**To everyone
affected by the
Coronavirus.**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Estella Morroni on March 26th. Estella passed peacefully at JoAnn's Hope Hospice in Bonita, her son Wayne was with her. No Memorial Service has been planned for Naples. Estella's cremains will be buried at Naples Memorial Gardens by St. John the Evangelist on 111th Avenue in Naples Park. Please pray for the Morroni family.

Please Pray for the men and women serving our country.

If you have a relative or friend in the military, please let the Church have their name/address.
We think it is important to keep in contact with those who serve our country. Thank you.

ENSIGN Francis Alvares
US Navy, Pensacola, FL
(Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)
MSgt Kristopher Chesslo
USAF
(Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)
CPTN Sterling W. Dawley
US Navy, Pacific Fleet
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)
ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley
US Navy Intel
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)
LT Adam Endrelunas
US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)
CPTN Allen Fujinaka
US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz's grandson)
CPTN Jennifer Giles
USMC, Philippines
(Mary Giles' granddaughter)
CPTN Jeremy Giles
US Army Special Forces,
Ft. Bragg, NC
(Mary Giles' grandson)
LT Col. Jessica D. Grasseti
(Claudia Polzin's niece)
MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC

LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy
Camp Pendleton, CA
(Bob Gruber & Marion Johnson's son & daughter in law)
E-3 Jacob Guzman
US Army—USA
(Cesar Guzman's son)
Lt. Devon Hennessey
Just returned to Texas from Afganistan
(Toni Hubbard)
Christian Kurz
US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)
LCDR Michelle Lea
US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines' daughter in law)
LT Kevin McCormick
US Army - USA
(Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)
Austin Schwartz
USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA
(Patricia Schwartz's grandson)
MAJ Matthew Smith,
USMC, Kuwait
(Son of Linda Smith)

1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak
USMC
Okinawa, Japan
Hadley Vadyak
USNA Class of 2020
EM Xzavier Whitaker
US Navy (John & Roberts McMaster's granddaughter's husband)



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