



# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 17, 2020

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Psalm 66: 16-20**

- <sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
<sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.  
<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

**Prelude:** Voluntary in C Major  
Maestoso  
Largo  
Allegro  
Allegro

Richard Peek  
(1927—2005)

### Call to Worship

*The God of heaven and earth calls us together.*

*We come to explore matters of the Spirit.*

**We want to worship the One who gives us breath.**

**We reach for the Reality beyond our knowing.**

*In God we live and move and have our being.*

*All that we have and are comes from God.*

**God is not limited to shrines made by us.**

**God is everywhere present in the whole universe.**

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that would draw us close to you and the caring outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. We have not witnessed to our faith in ways powerful enough to evoke opposition or cause us to suffer. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us! Amen.**

### Moment for Children

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

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| <p>1. <b>Love divine, all loves excelling,<br/>Joy of heaven, to earth come down,<br/>Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,<br/>All Thy faithful mercies crown!<br/>Jesus, Thou art all compassion,<br/>Pure, unbounded love Thou art;<br/>Visit us with Thy salvation,<br/>Enter every trembling heart.</b></p> | <p>2. <b>Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit<br/>Into every troubled breast!<br/>Let us all in Thee inherit,<br/>Let us find the promised rest:<br/>Take away the love of sinning;<br/>Alpha and Omega be;<br/>End of faith, as its beginning,<br/>Set our hearts at liberty.</b></p> |
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**The New Testament Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup> Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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| <p>3. <b>Come, Almighty to deliver,<br/>Let us all Thy life receive;<br/>Suddenly return, and never,<br/>Nevermore Thy temples leave.<br/>Thee we would be always blessing,<br/>Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;<br/>Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,<br/>Glory in Thy perfect love.</b></p> | <p>4. <b>Finish, then, Thy new creation;<br/>Pure and spotless let us be;<br/>Let us see Thy great salvation<br/>Perfectly restored in Thee;<br/>Changed from glory into glory,<br/>Till in heaven we take our place,<br/>Till we cast our crowns before Thee,<br/>Lost in wonder, love, and praise.</b></p> |
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**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Message

“Open to the Spirit “

Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: “Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

Music: Traditional American Melody

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano

Words: John Newton

Additional Chorus by Chris Tomilin and Louie Giglio

Arranged by Russell Maudlin

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear and Grace, my fears relieved.

How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free. My God, My Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, Amazing Grace!

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free, My God, My Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, Amazing Grace!

The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The Sun forbear to shine!

But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine!

**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.**

**Commission and Blessing**

*God has listened to our prayers and abides with us.*

*God’s blessing rests on us as we scatter to serve.*

**Together we will seek to know God more fully.**

**We will remember one another in prayer.**

*Alleluia!*

**Amen!**

**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:** Allegro from a Voluntary

Richard Peek

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor**

**Michele Byrd, Liturgist**

**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.**

**Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano**

**Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Dave Curtiss**

**Scripture Passages for the following week:  
May 24, 2020—The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**New Testament Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

**Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11**

**VPC NEWS**

**THE VPC SESSION** will meet, tomorrow, May 18, 2020 to decide how best to proceed with services at VPC. As soon as we know the results of the meeting, we will send out a special Constant Contact email. The staff, Session and Worship, Music and Liturgical Arts Ministry Team are formulating a plan for keeping you safe. We will maintain proper social distancing protocols and come up with a system for contact-free services. As soon as we have a plan, we will let you know. During this time, VPC will continue to record our weekly services of worship and post them to the Sermon Library, found on our website ([www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org)). Sermons and other video materials, such as Pastor Rob's Daily Psalm Reading, are also available on the VPC Facebook page. Instead of coming into the church, please call us (597-5410) or email Barbara Bonavita ([bbonavita@vpcnaples.org](mailto:bbonavita@vpcnaples.org)), Lisa Lloyd ([llloyd@vpcnaples.org](mailto:llloyd@vpcnaples.org)) or Michele Byrd ([mbyrd@vpcnaples.org](mailto:mbyrd@vpcnaples.org)) if you need assistance of any kind.

**COVID-19 RELIEF FUND**—If you are looking for a place to donate money to help those in need, we are using the COVID-19 Relief Fund to help our current mission partners who are working to relieve food insecurities and housing/utility expenses as a result of the current COVID-19 health crisis. The Mission Ministry Team will allocate the proceeds of this fund to assist those in urgent need. Mission partners include, but are not limited to, Café of Life, HELPS Outreach, Collier Harvest, and Mision Peniel. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please indicate "COVID-19 Relief fund" in the memo.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING!** The ministry of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church will continue during these difficult times. Measures are being taken to reduce expenses where we are able to do so. This is typically a time period when we are building reserves to offset the reduced income of the leaner summer months. The Session would like to thank you for your generous contributions! We encourage you to mail your contributions to the church or consider giving online at our website. The "GIVE" button is found on the main page of our web site.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 from 9am—12pm. **DONORS MUST PRE-ARRANGE FOR AN ARRIVAL TIME TO DONATE:** pre-registering & adhering to an arrival time will allow for proper social distancing. Donors must: have their temperature taken upon arrival, adhere to social distancing rules, wear a face mask or facial covering, bring photo ID and eat a meal & be well hydrated with water. Call the church to reserve your spot—597-5410.

**HELP US CELEBRATE GRADUATES!** We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 31. If you have a senior graduating from high school, college, grad school or beyond, we want to help mark these significant educational milestones. Also, if you have a student moving up from preschool, kindergarten, fifth grade or eighth grade, we need to hear from you, too! Send us a picture and short paragraph, so we can honor them. Please email submissions to Drake DeBaun at [ddebaun@vpcnaples.org](mailto:ddebaun@vpcnaples.org) by May 24.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP**

**STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?:** Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! Find out more by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 ([dsherman249@gmail.com](mailto:dsherman249@gmail.com)) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 ([petersji72@gmail.com](mailto:petersji72@gmail.com)).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: April 2020:**

	<b>April</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Operating Income	\$ 114,722	\$ 551,241	\$ 541,200
Expenses	\$ 83,323	\$ 377,956	\$ 380,600
Deo Mortgage Balance	4/30/2020	\$ 1,728,264	

## 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	David Daugherty	Henry Miller
Jerry Alfieri	Connie Dawson	Carolyn Moore
Annie	Margaret Degler	Nate
Edna Benton	Erin Falluca	Don Neer
Kathleen Bradford	Fred & Deb	Domenico Paglia
Family of Carmen	Jim Fligg	Christopher Parent
Julie Bearden	Joseph Gagliano	Rita Marrow
Carver & Family	Janel Geary	Mario Regoli
Cassidy	The Gerlach Family	Carol Rodkey
Fernando Castillo	Gary Gorran	Metty Ryan
Ruth Cohen	Tim Hall & Family	Robin Ryan
Jim Davison	Bob Heaton	Eleanor & Gary
Dan Dorty	Jake Hellihan	Shepherd
	Barbara Hurst	Suzanne Waylonis
	Michael Jeskey	Laura Warnken
	Sandra Johnson	CC Waskey
	Bob Kassing	Will & Heather &
	Kristen	Family
	LaDonna Lass	
	Kristen Linfante	
	Judy Malone	
	Mark	
	Kenneth Martin	

For people in this country and throughout the world suffering and coping with the Coronavirus disease.

For Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Teams giving their best to provide care for those suffering in hospitals and other medical facilities.

For leaders in government (National, State, & Local) and throughout the world making tough decisions during this difficult time.

For our church and all churches providing comfort to all and leading us in new ways of worship and service to each other.



### 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.

<b>ENSIGN Francis Alvares</b> US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)	<b>CPTN Jeremy Giles</b> US Army Special Forces, Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grandson)	<b>LCDR Michelle Lea</b> US Navy (Cherie & Dave Baines' daughter in law)
<b>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo</b> USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)	<b>LT Col. Jessica D. Grassetti</b> (Claudia Polzin's niece)	<b>LT Kevin McCormick</b> US Army - USA (Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)
<b>CPTN Sterling W. Dawley</b> US Navy, Pacific Fleet (Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)	<b>MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC</b> <b>LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy</b> Camp Pendleton, CA (Bob Gruber & Marion Johnson's son & daughter in law)	<b>Austin Schwartz</b> USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA (Patricia Schwartz's grandson)
<b>ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley</b> US Navy Intel (Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)	<b>E-3 Jacob Guzman</b> US Army—USA (Cesar Guzman's son)	<b>MAJ Matthew Smith,</b> USMC, Kuwait (Son of Linda Smith)
<b>LT Adam Endrelunas</b> US Navy (Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)	<b>Lt. Devon Hennessey</b> Just returned to Texas from Afganistan (Toni Hubbard)	<b>1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak</b> USMC Okinawa, Japan
<b>CPTN Allen Fujinaka</b> US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's grandson)	<b>Christian Kurz</b> US Navy, USS Nitze (Joyce Geary's great nephew)	<b>Hadley Vadyak</b> USNA Class of 2020
<b>CPTN Jennifer Giles</b> USMC, Philippines (Mary Giles' granddaughter)		<b>EM Xzavier Whitaker</b> US Navy (John & Roberts McMaster's granddaughter's husband)





**\*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!

**Happy Birthday!**

- \*Dave Baines 5/18
- \*Buck Evans 5/18
- \*Jay Chesslo 5/19
- \*Amber Grider 5/21
- Millicent Marshall 5/23
- \*Fred Schulz 5/23
- \*Daniel Westerlund 5/23

**Happy Anniversary!**

- Judy & Ron Davis 5/17
- Barbara & Bill Faude 5/17
- Jill & Joe Trees 5/17
- James & Marsha Reed 5/20
- Chuck & Heidi Holley 5/22
- Linda & Stan Swihart 5/23



Worship  
 with us  
 from  
 HOME

**VPC MISSION**

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Christ in a broken world.

- To Proclaim the Gospel
- To Glorify God in worship and deed
- To Equip our congregation for ministry
- To Serve others in Christ's name.

**VPC VISION**

A congregation...

- ...so grounded in scripture and sustained by prayer,
- ...so committed to spiritual growth and faithful discipleship,
- ...so inviting, welcoming and inclusive,
- ...so nurturing and healing,
- ...so mission-minded,
- ...so vibrant, energetic and open to opportunities to share the Gospel that lives are transformed by the love of Christ.



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