

May 31, 2020

The Day of Pentecost

Psalm 104: 24-26; 31-34

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. ³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works– ³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. ³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Vivace from Suite No. 1 John Stanley (1712-1786)

Matthew Sonneborn, Trumpet

Call to Worship

How amazing is the power God gives us.

How manifold are the works of our Creator.

The breath of God fills us with confidence.

The Spirit creates new life within and among us.

God calls us to be dreamers and prophets.

God gives us a vision for a world of peace.

May the glory of God endure forever.

We will sing praise to God as long as we live.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We do not want others to consider us strange or fanatical. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. We cannot trust some people you ask us to love. We want to believe, but how can we know that you are more than our collective imagination, a hope we cling to in our despair? Help us, God. Amen.

Moment for Children—Recognition of Graduates

Heather Mikes

Hymn: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain.
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain!
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee.
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea!

4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

The New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Solo: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
Michele Byrd, *Soprano* (b. 1953)

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Message "Mission from God" Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "God Bless America" Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)

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

May the empowerment of Pentecost continue with us.

May the Spirit lead and guide us every day.

We have found renewal in our time together.

Now God sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.

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: Andante Largo from Suite No. 1

John Stanley

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Heather Mikes, Interim Christian Education Director

Sue Van Fossen, 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.

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Matthew Sonneborn, Trumpet

Matthew Sonneborn earned a B.M. degree from the New England Conservatory. Matt is in his 25th year as Principal Trumpet with the Naples Philharmonic. He has been a frequent soloist with the orchestra and with the Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet. During the summers Sonneborn performs on occasion at the Grand Teton Music Festival, with the Baltimore Symphony and with the Colorado Music Festival. He has played under the direction of Leonard Bernstein, Seiji Ozawa, André Previn, Simon Rattle and Leonard Slatkin.

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Dave Curtiss

Scripture Passages for the following week: June 7, 2020—Trinity Sunday New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Matthew 28:19

VPC NEWS

EXTENSION OF THE SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP—The VPC Session is extending the suspension of our public worship gatherings, activities, and programming through and including Sunday, July 26, 2020. Since the conditions around this decision change quickly, this time frame will be discussed once again at the June meeting of the VPC Session. Instead of coming into the church, please call us (597-5410), email Barbara Bonavita (bbonavita@vpcnaples.org), Lisa Lloyd (llloyd@vpcnaples.org) or Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org) if you need assistance of any kind.



COVID-19 RELIEF FUND—Please continue your generous giving for the COVID-19 Relief Fund! To date, we have received \$8165. An anonymous VPC donor is offering \$10,000 as a matching grant for donations towards this effort. If you would like to contribute to this cause, now is the time! We are very close to meeting the goal! Please indicate "COVID" in the memo area of your check or donate online.

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.

TODAY! COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, May 31, 2020— from 9am—12pm. 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. WALK-INS ARE WELCOME.



SUMMER EVENTS FOR KIDS—Vacation Bible School and Summer Music Camp have been cancelled this summer. "Sunday School On The Go!" and Bible Story Readings are available in the VPC Kids Facebook Group or VPC Kids and Families YouTube Channel. You can also visit our website at www.vpcnaples.org for additional ministry resources at "The Well".

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP



PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!: You've heard it a million times. Others may have said it to you, or you have may have said it to yourself. But things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You still feel like it's all falling apart. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will talk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care, as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do you for, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dsherman249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: April 2020:

	April	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 114,722	\$ 551,241	\$ 541,200
Expenses	\$83.323	\$ 377,956	\$ 380,600
Deo Mortgage Balance	4/30/2020	\$ 1,728,264	

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us."

Congratulations Graduates of 2020!

VPC Children



Isabella Aguilar

Isabella is graduating from preschool and moving up to Kindergarten. She is a proud VLC Student! She loves gymnastics and singing. From her parents Claudia and Mauricio: "To our little girl, we wish you a very Happy Graduation. We are so proud of you and we look forward to your many more accomplishments."



Abigail Lefebvre

Abigail is graduating from Kindergarten at Veterans Memorial Elementary School. She enjoyed her class very much this year. She also enjoys bike rides, swimming, gymnastics, basketball and T-ball. She is excited to start first grade in the fall. We are proud of our Abbie! She is the daughter of Gerald and Susan Lefebvre.



McKenzie McDonough

McKenzie is graduating from Kindergarten at Veterans Memorial Elementary. She turned six-years-old during this Quarantine and she loves gymnastics, making art, caring for her pets, and playing with her Barbies. She is looking forward to when we can resume singing in the Alleluia Choir! McKenzie is the daughter of Will and Beth McDonough.





Drew Aldi

Drew is graduating from St. Rose High School in Belmar, NJ. He will be attending College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. His proud grandparents are Joe and Ruth Felipe.



Anna Lynne Boeder

Anna Lynne Boeder is graduating from Gulf Coast High School. She will continue her studies at USF. She fondly remembers her early schooling at Vanderbilt Learning Center. She also sang in the Alleluia Choir. Anna is the granddaughter of Pete and Carol Schwiers.



Samantha Goldblatt

Samantha is a 2020 graduate of Naples High School's ESE program. Despite the additional challenge of being a non-verbal student with autism, she completed the program with a smile on her face and a happy disposition. Samantha will attend the life skills program at Naples High next year. Samantha is the daughter of Vanderbilt Learning Center Teacher and Middle School Youth Group volunteer Donna Goldblatt and her husband James Goldblatt.



Paige Leaming

Paige graduated cum laude from University of Florida with a double major in International Relations and Sociology. She begins graduate school in July at UF in business mangement and will graduate with a Master's of Science next May. Paige is the daughter of Clark and Kathryn Leaming.



Rachel Marrow

Rachel graduated from St. Francis University on Sunday, May 10, with a Master's of Physician Assistant Science Degree. She is relocating to Naples, Florida to seek employment as a Physician Assistant. Rachel is the daughter of Rob and Beth Marrow.



Drew Payne

Drew is graduating from Columbia High School in Maplewood, NJ. He is a star trumpet player in school bands and member of National Honor Society. He will attend Purdue University in the fall! Drew is the grandson of Bill and Geri Payne.



Saffie Pavne

Saffie is graduating from high school at The Grier School in Tyrone, PA. She is a star athletic fencer and was awarded a full scholarship at The Grier School. She will attend UMass Amherst in the fall! Saffie is the granddaughter of Bill and Geri Payne.



Ben Timm

Ben is graduating from eighth grade at La Entrada School in Menlo Park, CA. He is a star basketball player!! He will attend Menlo/Atherton High School in the fall. Ben is the grandson of Bill and Geri Payne.



Leah Diane Walker

Leah Diane Walker virtually graduated from The School of Nursing at Marian University, Indianapolis, IN on May 2, 2020, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Leah previously graduated in 2017 from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology. Leah, as of May 18, is working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis, attaining a lifelong dream of caring for sick babies. Leah loves her dog— Stella, cooking, weekends at the lake and visiting Naples. She is the daughter of VPC Elder Dixie Bibb of Naples, FL and Todd K. Walker of Milwaukee, WI.



The Vanderbilt Learning Center would like to Congruence 5 ...

kindergarten graduates from Mrs. Hewin's class. We are also excited to celebrate our 31 The Vanderbilt Learning Center would like to congratulate our 11 outstanding preschool graduates from Ms. Baron's class, Mrs. Doronzenski's class and Mrs. Tackett's class.

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 Pat Baker Edna Benton Kathleen Bradford Family of Carmen Cassidy Fernando Castillo Ruth Cohen Ron Davis Iim Davison David Daugherty Connie Dawson Margaret Degler

Erin Falluca Jim Fligg Joseph Gagliano Janel Geary The Gerlach Family Gary Gorran **Bob Heaton** Jake Hellihan Michael Ieskev Sandra Johnson **Bob Kassing** Kristen LaDonna Lass Kristen Linfante **Judy Malone**

Mark

Nate

Don Neer

Matt Nulph

Rita Marrow

Henry Miller

Carolyn Moore

Domenico Paglia

Christopher Parent

The Martin Family

Carol Rodkey Metty Ryan Robin Ryan Eleanor & Gary Shepherd Suzanne Waylonis CC Waskey Will & Heather & Family

It is with sadness that we report the death of Kenneth N. Martin. brother of Bob Martin and Elaine Nale on May 27 th. Please keep Carolyn and the Martin Family in your thoughts and pravers.

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.

ENSIGN Francis Alvares

US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)

MSgt Kristopher Chesslo

Dan Dorty

(Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)

CPTN Sterling W. Dawley

US Navy, Pacific Fleet

(Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)

LTJG Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel

(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

LT Adam Endrelunas

(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. Iessica D. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

MAI 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 Navv

(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)

























Happy Birthday!			
Bee Getman	5/31		
Mary Alice Rue	5/31		
Anna Barry	6/1		
Babs Brock	6/1		
*Jim Fligg	6/1		
Haley Hood	6/1		
*Jean Lonergan	6/1		
Shirley Byrne	6/2		
Lazara Figueroa	6/2		
Mary Kougasian	6/3		
Lois Pettegrove	6/3		
Abigail Lefebvre	6/4		

Elizabeth Lepore 6/5

*Linda Wagner



*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 Anniversary!	
Frank & Judy Darnell	6/2
Kristina & Thomas Hauschild	6/2
Ellen & George Morton	6/2
Cynthia & Stephen Schock	6/2
Brett & Liberty Franklin	6/3
Ann & Bill Lienemann	6/4
Charlene & John Roth	6/5
Elke & Jeremy Barber	6/6
Mimi & John Braun	6/6



We honor the brave men and women that have died in service to our great country.



"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

- Nathan Hale

Thank you for your sacrifice. God bless each and everyone.

Amen.







