



June 28, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 13

¹ *How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?*

How long will you hide your face from me?

² *How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?*

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ *Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!*

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ *and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";*

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ *But I trusted in your steadfast love;*

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ *I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.*



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all peoples to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: A Quiet Prelude on "My Song is Love Unknown"

Murray Bradshaw (b. 1930)

Murray Bradshaw, born in Hinsdale, Illinois, received degrees from the American Conservatory of Music and the University of Chicago. He is Professor Emeritus in musicology at the University of California, Los Angeles, and serves as organist of the 43rd Church of Christ Scientist, Woodland Hills, CA.

Call to Worship

Early in the morning, our thoughts turn toward God.

We have been led to this mountaintop of worship.

We come, trusting in God's steadfast love.

We gather, seeking the way of salvation and peace.

God has made an everlasting covenant with us.

Let us proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

We bring our sorrow and pain to this healing time.

May God provide what we need to grow in Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Free us, O God, from such absorption in our own concerns that we forget your loving intention for us. We find it hard to view what is happening around us through any eyes but our own.

We obey our own passions rather than joining your intention for the good of all. It is hard for us, who so value our autonomy, to speak of obedience. Yet we are ashamed of things we have done and things we have failed to do. We want to claim your free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We sense that you intend for us to accept and live within that gift here and now.

Help us, loving God. Amen.

Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

Hymn: #525 "Here I am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Refrain:
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain:

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Solo: "Lead Me Lord"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Michele Byrd, Soprano

(1810-1876)

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have

become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Message

“Tethered to God”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: “His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)
arr. Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

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

Extend Christ’s welcome to your friends.

Dare to share that welcome with strangers.

We will honor all people as God’s own.

We will reach out to bless all God’s children.

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: Fanfare on “Jesus Shall Reign”

Allan Mahnke (b. 1944)

Allan Mahnke, born in St. Louis, MO, has degrees from Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, IN; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; and the University of Minnesota. He is organist at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Center, MN.



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Heather Mikes, Interim Christian Education Director

Judy Davis, 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

Soundboard Operators: Pete DeBaun & Dave Curtiss

Scripture Passages for the following week:

July 5, 2020—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION



SUMMERTIME “VIRTUAL” CONCERTS AT VANDERBILT! - Don't forget to check out our virtual concerts at vpcnaples.org! Look under Sermon Library for the latest musical event! Our next concert will be uploaded on Wednesday, July 1 at 6am. It will feature Michele Byrd, Soprano, Colin Gerlach, Violin, Brice Gerlach and James Cochran on the piano & organ. This special patriotic concert was filmed at both VPC and First Presbyterian Church of Naples. We hope you enjoy!

BOOK DISCUSSION—We are exploring the opportunity for an adult Christian education virtual book discussion on the topic of race relations. Please call the church office or email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org to let us know if you would like to be included. If there is enough interest, we will follow up to coordinate a date/time via Zoom to meet. Demand for this genre is currently high. We will select a topical book after gauging interest in the discussion. Each participant will need to acquire their own copy of the book.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE CARE-GIVERS, GOD IS THE CURE-GIVER: The role of Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dsherman249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com).



FINANCIAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: May 2020:

	May	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 85,450	\$636,697	\$ 595,000
Cares (Loan/Grant)	\$208,500	\$208,500	\$0
Expenses	\$ 84,184	\$462,140	\$ 482,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	5/31/2020	\$1,722,745	

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND—To date, we have received \$32,375 (which includes the matching \$10,000 grant). The funds are still coming in. Thank you for your generosity! 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 continues! The Session would like to thank you for your contributions! The “GIVE” button is found on the main page of our web site.

FROM THE OFFICE STAFF

ARE YOU GETTING OUR CONSTANT CONTACT EMAILS? - We hope that you are enjoying the weekly online bulletin or have chosen to stop by the church to get a copy. All of the current news is listed there, however, we keep you up-to-date between the weekly bulletins by sending out an email via Constant Contact, at least, once a week. We recently updated our database and if you are NOT getting the weekly emails, please call to let us know.

HOW TO “ZOOM” — Have you been invited to a virtual meeting?

The idea of “Zooming” to a meeting is a part of our new normal during the Coronavirus pandemic. VPC has been utilizing this technology to continue to have meetings and stay connected with one another. If you are unsure of how to use Zoom, take a few minutes to watch a tutorial online. There are many options. This is a good one to learn the basics: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wo1l6ljz_wg. If you are attending a Zoom meeting for VPC, you will get the Meeting ID and Password before the scheduled meeting, via email. If you need help, please reach out to the office staff.



HEADED NORTH?—Don’t forget to let the office know if you are leaving for the summer. We want to be sure we have your correct address in our database.



NEED A NAME OR NUMBER FOR A VPC MEMBER? — A great way to “GO GREEN” is to use our website for the most up to date member and affiliate information. Here you have access to the most current information that VPC has on record. You can also find meetings, concerts and other events on our calendar! It’s a great tool you can use day or night!

Here’s how to Login:

- Go to our website: www.vpcnaples.org
- Click on the Menu button found at the top right corner of your screen
- Go to Resources: “My VPC”
- Here you will be asked to Login: Your email & password
- Use the email you have on record at the church.
- This will bring you to the Home screen, where you can access the directories and events calendar.
- You can also help us by updating any of your information!

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.

Pat Baker	Kristen Linfante	Twila Rowe
Edna Benton	Judy Malone	Metty Ryan
Family of Carmen	Rita Marrow	Robin Ryan
Cassidy Otto & Family	Janice Marshall	Eleanor & Gary
Vicky Crosby	The Martin & Nale	Shepherd
Ron Davis	Families	Jim Shields
The Davison & Rodino	Don Neer	Liz Nowry Smith
Families	Matt Nulph	Mary Thompson
Margaret Degler	Domenico Paglia	Rosemary Ufheil
David Dehnart	Christopher Parent	The Waskey Family
Judy Dick	Savanna Peters	Will & Heather &
Dan Dorthy	Marcia Piipponen	Family
Erin Falluca	Leah Ray	
Jim Fligg	Marjorie Renth	
Janel Geary	Carol Rodkey	
Gary Gorran		
Jake Hellihan		
Michael Jeskey		
Sandra Johnson		
Bob Kassing		
LaDonna Lass		

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.

That we will seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. That we will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.



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)

LTJG 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. Grassetti

(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)



Happy Birthday!

*Jane Little 6/28
Dave Munchoff 6/28
Emmy Vayda 6/28
*Cherie Baines 6/30
Brenda Karnes 6/30
Katherine Skrabonja 7/01
Barbara Faude 7/02
Barbara Minter 7/02
Gayle Nelson 7/02
*Heidi Stryker 7/02
Margaret Waters 7/02
Caroline Halliwell 7/03

Michael Thomas 7/03
Will McDonough 7/03
Teagan Rowe 7/03
John Braun 7/04
Liberty Franklin 7/04
Byna Hood 7/04
Jason Mikes 7/04

Happy Anniversary!

Susan & Gerald Lefebvre 6/28
Doffy & Tom Teasdale 6/28
Sue & Bill Van Fossen 6/28
Brooke & Kyle Vayda 6/30
Nancy & Harley Ruppert 7/1
Karen & Pete Rodino 7/4
Tammy & Douglas Wilson 7/4



*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!

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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Summertime “Virtual” Concerts

Please plan to tune in to watch three special 45 minute concerts featuring Dr. James Cochran and other local musicians.

Enjoy the beauty of music in our lovely sanctuary.

Each concert will be available on the date of the concert beginning at 6 am.

It will be online for your listening and viewing pleasure thereafter.

Go to vpcnaples.org and look in the **SERMON LIBRARY** or check it out on **Facebook**.



Available NOW!

June 13, 2020

Blair Francis, *Flute*
Radu Paponiu, *Violin*



Available this WEEK!

July 1, 2020

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*
Colin Gerlach, *Violin*
Brice Gerlach, *Organ & Piano*



James Cochran,
Organ & Piano



August 1, 2020

Glenn Basham, *Violin*
Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

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