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July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on “We Now Implore the Holy Ghost”

Johann Pachelbel
(1653 – 1706)

Johann Pachelbel graduated from Altdorf University. He was court organist at Eisenach, and served at the Predigerkirche in Erfurt and St. Sebald in Nüremberg. Primarily known for his keyboard works, he also composed sacred concertos, motets, arias, masses, and magnificats.

Call to Worship

God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.

We have committed ourselves to follow the light.

We come now to be instructed by God's law.

The Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead.

That Spirit dwells in you and offers you new life.

We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope.

God cares for the earth and for each one of us.

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing God, we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling in us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you. Amen.

Moment for Children

Drake DeBaun

Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Thomas Dorsey
(1899 – 1993)

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| <p>1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.</p> | <p>2. When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.</p> |
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The Psalter Reading

Psalm 119: 105-112

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. ¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word. ¹⁰⁸Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances. ¹⁰⁹I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. ¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. ¹¹¹Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹²I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Solo: "On Eagle's Wings"

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Michael Joncas
(b. 1951)

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Offering

Offertory: "So Nimm Denn Meine Hände" (Lord, Take My Hand) Music: Friedrich Silcher (1789 – 1860)
Michele Byrd, Soprano Text: Julie Hausmann (1826 - 1901)

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear.
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me unto the end.

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

Carry the lamp of God's Word into the week ahead.

Share its light with all you meet.

God's Word lights our path and guides our feet.

Your ways, O God, bring joy to our hearts.

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

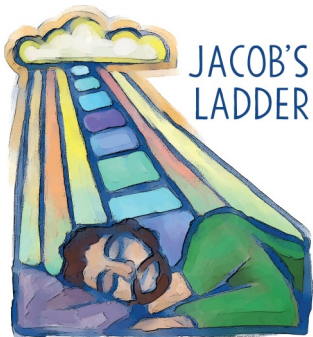
Drake DeBaun, *Christian Education Intern*

Bill Payne, *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: Victoria Bonavita, David Curtiss & Lisa Lloyd



Scripture Passages for the following week:

July 19, 2020—1th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson,

Parish Associate & Guest Preacher—Homily “Choices”

Old Covenant Reading: Genesis 28:10-22

New Covenant Reading: Romans 18:12-25

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 (llloyd@vpcnaples.org) or Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org) if you need assistance of any kind.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 11am will be the next Congregational Meeting via Zoom. This meeting is to elect an officer for an unfilled term on the Session. Please call the church office or register on our website for the meeting. Questions? Call us!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR—This morning, Sunday, July 12 from 11—11:30am, Zoom in to see your fellow church members. The **Meeting ID is: 896 7928 1614** and the **password is 4Wp4kK**. We hope to see you anytime during the fellowship time!

SUMMERTIME “VIRTUAL” CONCERTS AT VANDERBILT! A summertime treat! Watch the virtual concerts at vpcnaples.org! Look under Sermon Library for the latest musical event!

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

“PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER” DOESN’T WORK: You’ve heard it time and time again: “Pull yourself together...Cheer up...Tough it out...It’s not that bad.” Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn’t helped. You’re still hurting. Things are coming apart. Here’s the good news; You don’t have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide support. To find out more about Stephen Ministry 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).

FINANCIAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: June 2020:

	June	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$66,803	\$912,001*	\$647,300
Expenses	\$80,801	\$542,941	\$581,700
*Income includes \$208,500 from CARES Grant			
Deo Mortgage Balance	6/30/2020	\$1,716,838	

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND—To date, we have received \$33,029 (which includes the matching \$10,000 grant). We have disbursed \$31,540 to local charities. The funds are still coming in. Thank you for your generosity! Please indicate “COVID” in the memo area of your check or donate online.

FROM THE OFFICE STAFF

MEETING REMINDER—The Deacons will have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 7pm. All the Deacons will get an email with an invitation to the meeting from the office.

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.



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!

- Hal Wendler 07/12
- Peter Tremblay 07/12
- Jodi Reckmeyer 07/12
- *Loren Warner 07/13
- Lynne Schneider 07/13
- Pat Gould 07/13
- *Dianne Westerlund 07/13
- Colton Monda 07/13
- Frank Darnell 07/14
- Lio Martinez 07/14
- Joni Poposki 07/15
- Vicki Evans 07/15
- Grace Stewart 07/15
- Berniece Pak 07/16
- *Ellen Morton 07/16

- Jill Trees 07/16
- *Geri Payne 07/17
- Elise Tutton 07/17
- Jean Fletcher 07/18
- Joyce Peters 07/18
- Penny Jacob 07/18

Happy Anniversary!

- Betty & Ron Taylor 7/14
- Sherry & Dick Hardgrove, 7/15
- Jean & George Cheatham 7/18



***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.

Edna Benton
Family of Carmen
Vicky Crosby
Ron Davis
Margaret Degler
Dan Dorty
Elpi & Family
Erin Falluca
Jim Fligg
Janel Geary
Gary Gorran
Jake Hellihan
Inspired Living at
Bonita Springs
Michael Jeskey
Sandra Johnson
Bob Kassing
Mary Koppelkam
LaDonna Lass
Kristen Linfante
Judy Malone

Sara McConnell
Matt Nulph
Cassidy Otto & Family
Domenico Paglia
Christopher Parent
Savanna Peters
Marcia Piipponen
The Power Family
Leah Ray
Marjorie Renth
Carol Rodkey
Twila Rowe

Metty Ryan
Robin Ryan
Sadie Ann
Eleanor & Gary
Shepherd
Jim Shields
Liz Nowry Smith
The Waskey Family
Will & Heather &
Family
Connie Wilson

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.



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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presents

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 NOW!

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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