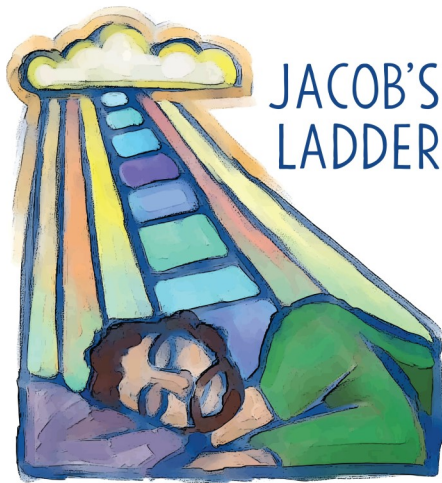




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July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23, 24



¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Passacaglia on "Be Thou My Vision"

William Gudger
(b. 1947)

William Gudger was born in Asheville, NC and holds degrees from Duke University and Yale University. He is professor emeritus of music at the College of Charleston and, for over two decades, served as organist of the Cathedral church of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston, South Carolina.

Call to Celebration

We celebrate the church where we gather together in God's name and touch this world with the amazing good news that somebody cares that God's spirit of love is present within our community so that someday this world will be loved to wholeness.

We celebrate this community, where people say Yes in the face of No, and where they light candles in the darkest night.

We celebrate the church, where every child of God is hailed as unique and valuable, where arms are opened to the world's outcasts, where the tired, beaten, disillusioned world is invited in.

We celebrate the mercy and forgiveness, the tears wiped away, the hands held, the gifts given, the children treasured and nurtured.

We celebrate the church of Jesus Christ whose supportive community holds us when we're tempted to give up, enfolds us when we're hurting, affirms us, reaches out to us, gives to us, receives from us.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Traditional Spiritual

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross.
2. Ev'ry rung goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry rung goes higher, higher,
E'vry rung goes higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross.
4. If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
Soldiers of the cross.

Unison Prayer of Awareness

God of light and mystery, may our hearts see the thing our eyes overlook. May our hearts feel the things our hands can't touch. May our hearts hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears. May we know your presence for what it really is—not flash or thunder, but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain. (Time for silent reflection and prayer) Amen.

Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

Prayer of Illumination

Reading from The First Covenant (OT)

Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

Reading from The Second Covenant (NT)

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with

him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Solo: "Prayer of St. Francis"

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Allen Pote
(b. 1945)

Homily

"Choices We Make"

Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson

Offering

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision"

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

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

**Bless us God with saints to tell us stories,
with angels to surprise us,
with friends along the way.**

**Bless us God with strength and joy and courage
all the length and breadth of our nights and days.**

**Bless us God with faith and trust to speak and act
in the name of Jesus.**

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: Passacaglia in D Minor

Louis Couperin Le Grand

Louis Couperin, (born c. 1626, Chaumes-en-Brie, France—died Aug. 29, 1661, Paris), French composer, organist, and harpsichordist, the first major member of the Couperin dynasty of musicians of the 17th and 18th centuries.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate*

Heather Mikes, *Interim Christian Education Director*

Mary Thompson, *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 Operator: Victoria Bonavita



Scripture Passages for the following week:
July 26, 2020—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Romans 8:26-39
Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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.

VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY—Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 11am is our Virtual Congregational Meeting via Zoom. This meeting is to elect an officer for an unfilled term on the Session (see bio below.) Many thanks to those that called or emailed their RSVP for the meeting. You received an email with the information for the meeting. If you wish to join, but didn't call us, here is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83557960728?pwd=RTUvaHRieEt4Y0hmNlV4S3c2NHFXUT09>.

Alternatively, here is the Meeting ID: **835 5796 0728** and Password: **7Ur5Mi**.

CHERIE BAINES: Cherie and her husband Dave Baines joined VPC in 2008. Since then, she has taught Sunday School, Ushered, served as Deacon, volunteer at Mision Peniel, Weekend Power Pack, organized the roster for Communion Servers, served Communion, prepared the Communion Table, and has recently joined the Mission Committee. Belonging to Vanderbilt has been heartwarming for Cherie and she looks forward to experiences of service and spiritual growth. Cherie joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in Erie, Pennsylvania when she was 16, attending until she was in college. She has been a member of many Presbyterian Churches as she moved and changed teaching jobs. After graduating from college, she accepted a position teaching a third grade class. During her 29 years of teaching, she has taught in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York and Florida. She and Dave have a blended family of three guys and three girls. They have been blessed with five grandchildren spread out over the U.S. Cherie has been a Deacon in the past and loves the office. What a great way to get to know members of the church and serve in His Name. In closing Cherie would like to share her favorite quote. "Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

SUMMERTIME “VIRTUAL” CONCERTS AT VANDERBILT! We are *thrilled* that so many of you have listened to our Summertime “Virtual” Concerts at Vanderbilt! We have enjoyed making music to share with you and your friends and family during this difficult time of distancing. We hope that you will continue to watch and encourage your friends to tune in as well. Our last concert will be available on August 1st and will feature Matthew Sonneborn, Trumpet, Glenn Basham, Violin and James Cochran, Piano. Watch the virtual concerts at vpcnaples.org! Look under Sermon Library for the latest musical event!



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 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 \$33,049 (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

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.



Apart for a Time, Together in Spirit



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!

*Pat Rogge	7/19
Sally Meeuwssen	7/20
Sue Graves	7/20
Ron Holappa	7/21
Richard Hood	7/21
Barbara Dominguez	7/21
James Winemiller	7/22
Sharon Wylie	7/22
Jon White	7/23
*Michele Yovanovich	7/23
Karen Negri	7/24
John Monda	7/24
*Beverly Sunquist	7/24

Happy Anniversary!

Wealtha & Jim Flick	7/20
Peggy & Bob Landon	7/24
Elizabeth & Oscar Lowe	7/24
Shar & Lynn Rosser	7/24
Ruth & Joe Felipe	7/25
Amber & Craig Grider	7/25
Christine & Jonas Rockhold	7/25



*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

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
Chloe Cornell
Vicky Crosby
Ron Davis
Margaret Degler
Dennis
Dan Dorthy
Julie Eilers
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
Matt Nulph
Cassidy Otto & Family
Domenico Paglia
Christopher Parent
Savanna Peters
Marcia Piipponen
The Power Family
Leah Ray
Family of Judy Rile
Carol Rodkey
Twila Rowe

Metty Ryan
Robin Ryan
Sadie Ann
Eleanor & Gary
Shepherd
Jim Shields
Joy Skarka
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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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.

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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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