



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 5, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

⁸ *The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.*

⁹ *My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look, there he stands behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.*

¹⁰ *My beloved speaks and says to me:*

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

"for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

¹² *The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.*

¹³ *The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

**Come to me,
all who labor and
are heavy laden,
and I will
give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28

**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 Medley of Patriotic Songs

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;

Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,

From every mountainside Let freedom ring.

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,

Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep;

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

"God of the Ages"

NATIONAL HYMN

God of the ages, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band

Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,

Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Call to Worship

Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.

Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.

All creation joins us in giving thanks.

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

Come, for Christ has promised rest.

The gentle spirit of Christ invites us.

We have come to find rest for our souls.

Prayer of Confession

God, we do not understand our own actions. We turn away from the good we are intent on doing. Yet, we find wisdom in your law. We delight in the idea of mutual caring and celebrating life together, but we get bogged down in our own concerns. We are too busy to seek community and too preoccupied to ponder your will for us. We go our own way, cutting ourselves off from you and one another. O God, help us to put away this sin. Amen.

Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

Hymn: #564 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

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| <p>1. 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!</p> | <p>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!</p> |
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The New Testament Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Solo: "Come Unto Him" from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Michele Byrd, Soprano

(1685-1759)

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Message

"Freedom"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Prayers of the People

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

Hymn: #561 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

AMERICA

2. My native country, thee
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

4. Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.

Commission and Blessing

We encounter God in unexpected places.

God surprises us in the life and witness of people.

We will find rest and renewal through Christ.

We seek to express the same humility and gentleness.

Alleluia.

Amen.

Congregational Response:

“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!

Postlude: “The Star-Spangled Banner”

John Stafford Smith
(1750-1836)

Michele Byrd, Soprano

**O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?**



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Heather Mikes, Interim Christian Education Director

Mary Lynn Myers, 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



*The Parable
of the Sower*

Scripture Passages for the following week:
July 12, 2020—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter Reading: Psalm 119: 105-112
Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR—This morning, Sunday, July 5 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! Our next concert is available! It features 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 FPC Naples.

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 (dsheerman249@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 \$32,929 (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.

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.

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. Grasseti
(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 Afghanistan
(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!

Tom Hallin	7/05
*Linda McDonald	7/05
April Royan	7/05
*Charles Thompson	7/06
Marge Piano	7/06
Vicky Crosby	7/06
*Twila Rowe	7/07
Caroline Thomas	7/07

*Paige Leaming	7/07
Susanne VanderStarre	7/08
Barbara Thomas	7/08
Oliver Hood	7/08
*John Rist	7/09
*Sherry Smith	7/09
Mavelyn Millard	7/09
Tom Nale	7/10

Happy Anniversary!

Nena & Bill Beynon	7/7
Jody & Ron Nowry	7/7
Betsy & Bob Witte	7/8
Mary Alice & William Swenfurth	7/10
Carmen & Jim Campbell	7/11

***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.

Pat Baker
Edna Benton
Family of Carmen
Cassidy Otto & Family
Vicky Crosby
Ron Davis
Margaret Degler
Dan Dorthy
Erin Falluca
Jim Fligg
Janel Geary
Gary Gorran
Jake Helliham
Inspired Living at
Bonita Springs
Michael Jeskey
Sandra Johnson
Bob Kassing
LaDonna Lass
Kristen Linfante
Judy Malone

Janice Marshall
Sara McConnell
Matt Nulph
Domenico Paglia
Christopher Parent
Savanna Peters
Marcia Piipponen
Marjorie Renth
Carol Rodkey
Twila Rowe
Metty Ryan
Robin Ryan
Sadie Ann

Eleanor & Gary
Shepherd
Jim Shields
Liz Nowry Smith
Mary Thompson
Rosemary Ufheil
The Waskey Family
Will & Heather &
Family
Connie Wilson



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Judy Dick on June 24, 2020 in Rochester, NY. Funeral Services will be held in New York. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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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Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

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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