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August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Faith of a  
Canaanite Woman

**Psalm 133**

<sup>1</sup> How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

**Prelude:** Variations on “The Lord is My Light” (Psalm 27)

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

**Call to Worship**

*Let all the people praise the God of all nations.*

*Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives.*

**May God grant us understanding and courage.**

**May faith grow beyond our doubts.**

*The earth has yielded its blessing.*

*Let all the ends of the earth revere our Creator.*

**God brings us together in unity of purpose.**

**May our circle grow as we welcome newcomers.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us, O God, for the sin we recognize in ourselves and the wounds we do not see. Show us how we have hurt one another and grant us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our disobedience to you and keep us from leading others into our sin. We seek your mercy for the times we have willfully offended. Help us to put aside all actions and comments that defile. Cleanse us for new life in Christ. Amen.**

1. **Morning has broken Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!**
2. **Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness Where God's feet pass.**
3. **Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,  
God's recreation Of the new day!**

**Moment for Children**

Heather Mikes

**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**The First Reading:**

Genesis 45:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup> And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**Solo:** "The Lord is My Light" (Psalm 27)

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Frances Allitsen

(1848-1912)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Gospel Reading:**

Matthew 15:10-28

<sup>10</sup> Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup> He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup> Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." <sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Message**

"Great Faith"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Offering****Offertory:** "Behold the Goodness of Our Lord"

Thomas Cuthbertson Leitead Pritchard

Michele Byrd, Soprano

(1885-1960)

Behold the goodness of our Lord, How blest it is to be A company of God's beloved, In holy unity.

Like precious oil upon the head, A healing for our strife, It flows throughout our common bond, Refreshing all of life.  
As dew on Zion's mountaintop Brings freshness to its door, Our Lord commands this in our midst And brings life evermore.

**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**

*God's call to service goes with you from this time.*

*We cannot escape from God's expectations.*

**We have received God's abundant mercy.**

**We depart, intent on showing mercy to all.**

*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:** Toccata in D

Johann Jakob Froberger  
(1616-1667)

## 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*

**Soundboard Operator:** Victoria Bonavita

**Scripture Passages for the following week:**

**August 23, 2020—21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**New Testament Reading: Romans 12:1-8**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20**



## VPC NEWS

**EXTENSION OF THE SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP**—The Session of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church would like to thank you for keeping them in your prayers as they work to lead this congregation during this time of COVID-19. All of us are anxious to reconnect as an "in-person worshipping community." Please know that your safety and well-being are always paramount in our decisions regarding in-person worship. We continue to explore new options for our congregation to gather for ministry and mission. On Monday, July 27th the Session approved a motion affirming that the church will continue with virtual worship until deemed safe. The Session will continue to assess current health data and trends in order to determine when we can gather together for worship in our sanctuary. At a minimum, they will revisit this issue at its monthly meetings. 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.

# BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING:** Our traditional **Blessing of the Backpacks & Teacher Commissioning** has been reimagined this year and will occur virtually on **Sunday, August 30**. Back to school may look different for many students and families this year, but God's promise to be with us remains unchanged. No matter how you choose to head back, let's ask God to bless each of us on

our journey and fill us all with the Holy Spirit. If you'd like to participate in our video, please send a 5-10 second video clip of something each of you do to get ready for a new school year — laying out your clothes, organizing your desk or school supplies, setting up your classroom, reading a book, reading the Bible (Sunday school teachers), making a card for your students, teachers and/or parents teaching you from home, writing in a journal, logging into Canvas, logging onto Zoom on your iPad or computer, packing your backpack, etc. Please send video clips via text to Heather at 239-287-7590 or email them to [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org). Let us know if we can help. Drake can also help you load them on our Google Drive if they are too large to send electronically. **Please submit your video clips by TODAY. Thank you.** Hooray for technology! As of this writing, CCPS and LCPS students return to school on August 31. The Vanderbilt Learning Center starts on Sept. 8. Dates for private schools in the area vary widely.

## VPC Back to School Blessing Supplies for Pinecrest Elementary:

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is collecting school supplies for teachers, staff, students and families at Pinecrest Elementary School located in Immokalee, Florida. Immokalee is a rural farming community just forty miles from the resorts and beaches of Naples. Home to many immigrant and migrant families who work the fields and packing houses, Immokalee is a small community in Southwest Florida with good people that work hard and try to provide for their families. Please visit the Amazon Wish list by going to [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl_share) and selecting items to purchase. You can also find the link to the Wish List in Pastor Rob's Weekly Epistle. Choose to ship them directly to Pinecrest Elementary School (NOT to VPC) between now and August 31. If you don't have access to Amazon shopping and would still like to help, you can also make a monetary contribution. Mail a check to VPC or go online to give [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org). Please indicate "Pinecrest Elementary" in the memo area of your check or online in the Custom Section (page two). Thank you in advance for your gift to help others in need.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR**—This morning, Sunday, August 16 from 11—11:30am, Zoom in to see your fellow church members. The **Meeting ID is: 896 7928 1614** and the **password is 4Wp4kK**. Missing your church family? Zoom in to say HI! We hope to see you there!

**REACH OUT TO YOUR VPC COMMUNITY!** With so much uncertainty surrounding our lives during the Coronavirus Pandemic and the start of Hurricane Season, why not reach out to your VPC community? If you are looking to contact someone, check the online directory. If you need an address or phone number, please give the office a call. We would be happy to help you make a connection with your church family.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP



**VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP:** Know someone in need? Maybe you? Maybe a family member, friend or neighbor? Needs can be short-term or long-term...we want to help and are still available in these COVID-19 times! Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers that are a phone call or email away to walk beside you, listen and provide ongoing support. We currently have 15 active Stephen Ministers at VPC, some with care receivers and others waiting to help when called. Call for yourself or someone in need. To get started, call our Stephen Leader Referrals Coordinators: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 ([dsherman249@gmail.com](mailto:dsherman249@gmail.com)) or Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526 ([leskaybee@aol.com](mailto:leskaybee@aol.com)).

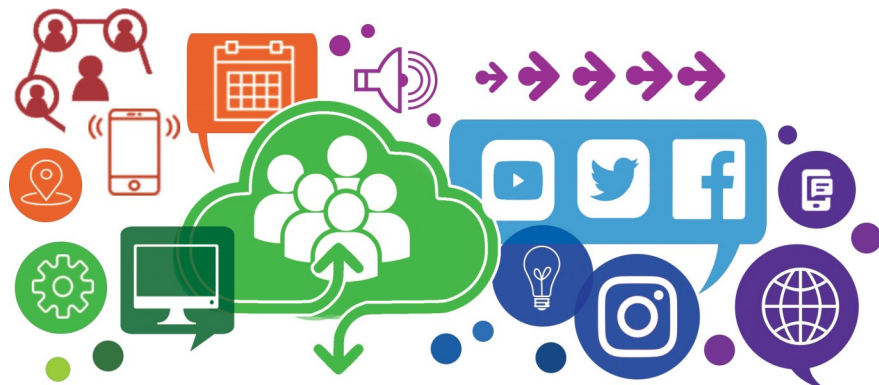
**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 from 9am—12pm. **DONORS MUST PRE-ARRANGE FOR AN ARRIVAL TIME TO DONATE:** pre-registering & adhering to an arrival time will allow for proper social distancing. Donors must: have their temperature taken upon arrival, adhere to social distancing rules, wear a face mask or facial covering, bring photo ID, eat a meal and be well hydrated with water. Call the church to reserve your spot—597-5410.

# BLOOD DRIVE



**ANOTHER GRANT FOR THE COVID-19 RELIEF FUND**— We have received another very generous \$10,000 challenge grant to the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Please send in your donations to match the new challenge grant! To date, we have received \$47,199 for the fund (including the first \$10,000 grant). We have disbursed \$31,540 to local charities to help with housing and hunger. Please indicate “COVID” in the memo area of your check or donate online. Thank you in advance for your gift to help others in need.

**VETERANS:** Avow has two upcoming Zoom webinars for Veterans and those who serve Veterans. **PTSD Resources for Veterans Panel Discussion on August 20, 2020 at 12:00pm-1:00pm** and **Veterans Benefits at a National Cemetery presented by John Rosentrater on September 24, 2020 at 12:00-1:00pm.** For more information, go to [www.https://avowcares.org/?s=veterans](https://avowcares.org/?s=veterans). You can also click the link on this week’s Epistle from Pastor Rob.



**Stay Connected!**  
**ZOOM!**  
**Facebook!**  
**[www.vpcnaples.org!](http://www.vpcnaples.org)**  
**Weekly Epistle!**  
**Reach out to someone!**  
**Share the love of Christ!**



## FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: July 2020:

|                      | <b>July</b> | <b>YTD</b>  | <b>Budget</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Operating Income     | \$230,565   | \$934,102   | \$800,800     |
| Expenses             | \$ 91,879   | \$634,820   | \$697,500     |
| Deo Mortgage Balance | 7/31/2020   | \$1,711,481 |               |



### 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 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!**

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Rowena Spencer    | 8/16 |
| Brett Franklin    | 8/17 |
| Kathy Goodchild   | 8/17 |
| *John Paalman     | 8/17 |
| Betty Karnes      | 8/18 |
| Sue Davis         | 8/19 |
| *Tom Hurley       | 8/19 |
| Kenneth McMillin  | 8/19 |
| *Mari-Bea Warnken | 8/19 |
| Chuck Holley      | 8/20 |

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| Hazel Jaklitch  | 8/20 |
| Jack Schilling  | 8/20 |
| Barbara Elliott | 8/21 |
| Mark Royan      | 8/21 |
| Merle Wylie     | 8/22 |

### **Happy Anniversary!**

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Jim & Marlene Everson   | 8/17 |
| Dan & Sally Meeuwesen   | 8/17 |
| Lee & Linda Burwinkel   | 8/18 |
| Kay & Tom Hurley        | 8/19 |
| Sharon & Tom Messmore   | 8/19 |
| Dan & Dianne Westerlund | 8/20 |
| Bruce & Roberta Hobbs   | 8/21 |
| Debbie & Loren Dawley   | 8/22 |

**\*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  
 Anna & Brooke Borden  
 Family of Carmen  
 Virginia Chandley  
 Chloe Cornell  
 Vicky Crosby  
 Ron Davis  
 Margaret Degler  
 Dan Dorty  
 Julie Eilers  
 Elpi & Family  
 Asia Rial Elsbree  
 Jim Fligg  
 Tom Freehan  
 Janel Geary  
 Gary Gorran  
 Jake Hellihan  
 Inspired Living at Bonita Springs  
 Michael Jeskey  
 Sandra Johnson

Bob Kassing  
 Mary Koppelkam  
 LaDonna Lass  
 Judy Malone  
 Don Neer  
 Matt Nulph  
 Bonnie Olson  
 Cassidy Otto & Family  
 Domenico Paglia  
 Christopher Parent  
 Savanna Peters & Phoenix  
 Marcia Piipponen  
 The Power Family  
 Leah Ray  
 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

We are sorry to announce that Rafael Antonio Guzman, father of VPC custodian Cesar Guzman, passed away in the Dominican Republic. Please keep the Guzman family in your prayers as they deal with the added stress of traveling during the Pandemic.

- For all students, teachers and parents navigating the upcoming school year.
- For those who were injured or lost their lives in the recent bombing in Beirut.
- 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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