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August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Psalm 105: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup> Look to the LORD and his strength;  
seek his face always.

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

<sup>6</sup> you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

**Prelude:** Aria in F Major

G.F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

**Call to Celebration**

*Do not give easy or unthinking response to this day's call to celebration.*

*Having inherited the church from Peter and others who gathered so long ago in Jerusalem, we now recognize that God's Spirit fills us so that we may dream dreams and see visions.*

*The call to celebration today is a summons to be touched by holy fire.*

**Even now the flames may dance above our heads,**

*Igniting our concerns for justice and peacemaking so that they blaze into commitment.*

**Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts,**

*Animating us, leaving us no peace as individuals until God's justice and peace fill the earth as the waters fill the seas.*

**Prophets, visionaries, dreamers! Let us all celebrate God's love with courage and with hope.**

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| <p>1. Thine is the glory,<br/>Risen, conquering Son;<br/>Endless is the victory<br/>Thou o'er death hast won.<br/>Angels in bright raiment<br/>Rolled the stone away,<br/>Kept the folded grave-clothes<br/>Where Thy body lay.<br/><i>Refrain:</i><br/>Thine is the glory,<br/>Risen, conquering Son;<br/>Endless is the victory<br/>Thou o'er death hast won.</p> | <p>2. Lo! Jesus meets us,<br/>Risen from the tomb;<br/>Lovingly He greets us,<br/>Scatters fear and gloom.<br/>Let the church with gladness<br/>Hymns of triumph sing,<br/>For the Lord now liveth;<br/>Death hath lost its sting.<br/><i>Refrain:</i></p> | <p>3. No more we doubt Thee,<br/>Glorious Prince of life!<br/>Life is nought without Thee;<br/>Aid us in our strife.<br/>Make us more than conquerors<br/>Through Thy deathless love;<br/>Bring us safe through Jordan<br/>To Thy home above.<br/><i>Refrain:</i></p> |
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### Unison Prayer of Awareness

Eternal Presence, we pray on this Sabbath Day that in our divided country roots of our national life will be nourished with righteousness, mercy and peace. May we be a people reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, and generous in the protection of the oppressed. May wisdom and justice inform our laws, and may a quest for truth that is pure and undefiled be the stability of our people. (Time for reflection on our discipleship and prayer). Amen.

### 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.

### Prayer of Illumination

#### Reading from the First Covenant (OT)

Genesis 37:1-4, 22, 28

<sup>1</sup>Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

#### Reading from the Second Covenant (NT)

Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend

into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);<sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.<sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.<sup>13</sup> For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?<sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**Solo:** "How Beautiful are the Feet of Them" *from* Messiah

Handel

Michele Byrd, Soprano

**Homily**

"A Journey from the Head to the Heart"

Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "The World Abounds with God's Free Grace"

Handel

Michele Byrd, Soprano

The world abounds with God's free grace; What wonders bless the land! And on through boundless starry space God's matchless works expand. Lord, teach us all an attitude that thanks You all our days, A love that shows our gratitude through deeds that live our praise. Give thanks in hope, rejoice, repent, And practice all you prayed; True thanks can never be content To foul the world God made. Lord, teach us all an attitude that thanks You all our day, A love that shows our gratitude through deeds that live our praise.

**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**

*As we go from this sacred encounter with our loving God, may we throw our arms around a friend that brings us a feeling of warmth and sense of being loved-*

*When children run in front of us laughing, playing-*

*When the air is fresh and clean, perhaps after a time of rain-*

*When a long-worked on project is successfully completed-*

*When we can articulate what we believe, and when our hearts burn within us with the love of God-*

*It is at moments like that, when joy begins to fill our heart and gratitude wells up with us, that we know we are guided by your Spirit of love. 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:** "Hornpipe" from *Water Music Suite*

Handel

## 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:**

**August 16, 2020—20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:1-15**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-28**



The Faith of a  
Canaanite Woman

## 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](mailto:bbonavita@vpcnaples.org)), Lisa Lloyd ([llloyd@vpcnaples.org](mailto:llloyd@vpcnaples.org)) or Michele Byrd ([mbyrd@vpcnaples.org](mailto:mbyrd@vpcnaples.org)) if you need assistance of any kind.



**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING:** Our traditional **Blessing of the Backpacks & Teacher Commissioning** has been reimaged 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 August 16. 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 the 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 9 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 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.

**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 \$33,249 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.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: June 2020:

	<b>June</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
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	



### 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!**

*Pat Fors	8/9
Dana Riashi	8/9
Linda Burwinkell	8/12
Chris Geiser	8/12
Linda Stewart	8/12
Elizabeth Todd	8/12
*Nancy Bell	8/13
*Tim Hall	8/13
James Schilling	8/13
Joanna Throckmorton	8/13
*Andres Torrens	8/13
Joe Trees	8/13
Ohara Trees	8/13
*Bill Beynon	8/14

Greta Corcoran	8/15
Shirley Daugherty	8/15
John Pender	8/15
Valerie Tomsic	8/15
Sue Van Fossen	8/15
Rose Wendler	8/15

### **Happy Anniversary!**

Erin & Brent Klein	8/9
Gerry & Lynn Greenblatt	8/10
Bruce & Chris Muddell	8/10
Amanda & Tim Rowe	8/10
Barbara & Tom Sletto	8/10
James & Nancy Winemiller	8/10
David & Millie Bos	8/12
Heather & John Monda	8/12

#### **\*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  
Chloe Cornell  
Vicky Crosby  
Ron Davis  
Margaret Degler  
Dan Dorty  
Julie Eilers  
Elpi & Family  
Asia Rial Elsbree  
Erin Falluca  
Jim Fligg  
Tom Freehan  
Janel Geary  
Gary Gorran  
Rafael Antonio  
Guzman  
Jake Hellihan

Inspired Living at  
Bonita Springs  
Michael Jeskey  
Sandra Johnson  
Bob Kassing  
Mary Koppelkam  
LaDonna Lass  
Judy Malone  
Susi Martinsen  
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

- For those who were injured or lost their lives in the recent bombing in Beirut.
- For those who were impacted by Hurricane Isaias.
- 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.

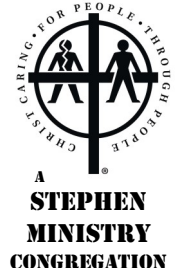
## VPC VISION

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.

Go to [vpcnaples.org](http://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*



Available NOW!

August 1, 2020

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



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