



May 23, 2021  
Day of Pentecost



### Psalm 104: 24-31

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

<sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

#### Prelude: "Come, Holy Ghost"

George Philipp Telemann  
(1681–1767)

Telemann was born in Magdeburg, Germany and died in Hamburg. He became the municipal music director of the five principal churches in Hamburg. He was a very prolific composer, composing 45 operas, 120 concertos and over 1000 suites. Listen to the repeated descending scale motive, depicting the Holy Ghost descending to earth.

### Call to Worship

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*The word of the Lord to the prophet:*

**I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;**

*your sons and daughters shall prophesy,*

**your old shall dream dreams**

*and our young shall see visions.*

*Let us worship God.*

*Please remain seated and enjoy as the soloist sings the hymn.*

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| 1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,<br>Come with Pentecostal power;<br>Give the church a stronger vision,<br>Help us face each crucial hour.<br>Built upon a firm foundation,<br>Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,<br>Still the church is called to mission<br>That God's love shall be made known. | 2. We would raise our alleluias<br>For the grace of yesteryears;<br>For tomorrow's unknown pathway,<br>Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.<br>In the church's pilgrim journey<br>You have led us all the way,<br>Still in presence move before us,<br>Fire by night and cloud by day. | 3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;<br>Give us words of fire and flame.<br>Help our feeble lips to praise You,<br>Glorify Your holy name.<br>Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,<br>Three in one: what mystery!<br>We would sing our loud hosannas<br>Now and through eternity. |
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### **Call to Reflections**

**We have been called to be disciples of Jesus to preach the Good News, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to support the weak. In this time together we are to examine how faithful we have been to that promise we made to God, and to spend time in prayer, healing our relationship with God.**

### **Declaration**

**We declare to God that in the days ahead we will strive to fulfil our promises and live in relationship to God.**

### **Gloria Patri**

Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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.

### **First Scripture Reading**

Ezekiel 37: 1-10

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

This is the witness of Ezekiel.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "Bless the Lord"

Jacques Berthier  
(1923-1994)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless his holy name. Bless the Lord my soul, He rescues me from death. It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. As a Father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for He knows of what we are made, He remembers that we are dust.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **The Second Reading**

The Acts of the Apostles 2:1-5, 11b-13

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

<sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

<sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

This is the witness of Luke

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Homily**

"Pentecost People"

The Rev. Louis S. Thompson

### **Offering**

### **Offertory** "Upon This Rock"

Jay Althouse  
(b. 1951)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Upon this rock we will build Thy church, for here Thy temple stands. How lovely this, Thy dwelling place, built with loving hands. Upon this rock we will build Thy church, and we shall be the stone. This strong foundation shall survive until we see Thy throne. Those in need of grace shall find this holy place. Upon this rock Thy church will stand till we see Thy face. Upon this rock we will build Thy church and praise Thy holy name. This house shall flourish with Thy love; to heaven Thy power proclaim.

### **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.**

## Hymn: "Come Down, O Love Divine"

DOWN AMPNEY

*Please remain seated and enjoy as the soloist sings the hymn.*

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| 1. Come down, O Love divine;<br>Seek out this soul of mine<br>And visit it with<br>Your own ardor glowing;<br>O Comforter, draw near,<br>Within my hear appear,<br>And kindle it,<br>Your holy flame bestowing. | 2. O let it freely burn,<br>Till earthly passions turn<br>To dust and ashes<br>in its heat consuming;<br>And let Your glorious light<br>Shine ever on my sight,<br>And clothe me round,<br>The while my path illuming. | 3. And so the yearning strong<br>With which the soul will long<br>Shall far outpass<br>the power of human telling;<br>For none can guess God's grace,<br>Till Love creates a place<br>Wherein the Holy Spirit<br>Makes a dwelling. |
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## Commission and Blessing

The Rev. Louis S. Thompson

## Benediction Response:

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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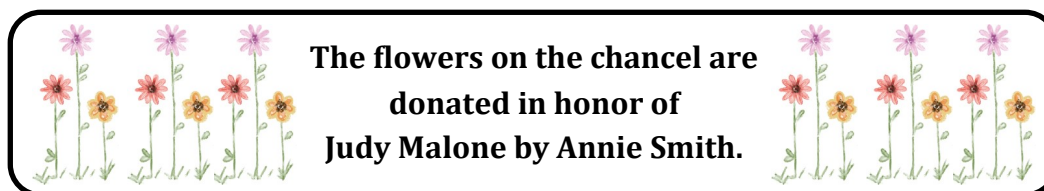
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, children all are we; Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn 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: "Litanies"

Jehan Alain  
(1911–1940)

Jehan Alain was a French organist and composer. His Litanies for Organ was composed in 1937 and is a sublime addition to the instrument's repertoire. Alain studied with organ virtuosos Alexandre Guilmant and Louis Vierne and was primarily an organist and composer of religious music. While at the Paris Conservatoire, he won many prizes and his composition catalogue comprises some 140 works. Alain's Litanies is his most famous work and is prefaced with the text; "When, in its distress, the Christian soul can find no more words to invoke God's mercy, it repeats endlessly the same litany....for reason has reached its limit; only faith can take one further..."

*Please remain seated until the end of the Postlude.*



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Louis S. Thompson**, *Parish Associate*  
**Mary Lynn Myers**, *Liturgist for virtual worship*  
**Karen Chappler**, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*  
**Dr. James Cochran**, *Director of Music*, playing the **Richard and Patricia Fors Organ** given to the glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, Organist.  
**Heather Mikes**, *Director of Christian Education*  
**Michele Byrd**, *Soprano for virtual worship*

**Sherry Hardgrove**, *Soprano for Sunday worship*  
**Greeters:** Priscilla & Steve Kutler  
**Ushers:** Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Steve & Priscilla Kutler, Rebecca Beavers, Nellie Cummins, Doug Dunn, Molly Godley, Jim Hawkins, Harley Ruppert  
**Soundboard Operator:** Victoria Bonavita



Trinity Sunday

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 30: Trinity Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

## VPC NEWS

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP:** In light of the new guidelines announced by the CDC, the Worship, Music, and Liturgical Arts Team of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church has sent recommendations for new protocols for worship to the Session. On Tuesday, May 25, 2021, we will announce the results of the Session meeting along with any changes for corporate worship. Our current mask requirement is in place for worship on Sunday, May 23. Please keep yourself rooted in faith and grounded in love as we navigate a new “normal.”

Please help us to follow the mandates for safe worship at VPC. As a reminder, we continue to require wearing masks and maintaining a 3-foot social distance between family units. As always, you may watch the worship service anytime via our website. Each person has a different level of comfort when it comes to gathering together as the Body of Christ. We are doing everything we can to make sure that all our members are comfortable and feel supported and loved. As we continue to follow safety guidelines for our in-person worship services, ***please*** remember to take your bulletins home, take anything that you bring into the sanctuary (water bottles, purses, tissues, etc.) and at the end of the service, wait to be dismissed by the ushers.



**ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** This Sunday morning, from 11—11:30am, join the meeting to connect with your fellow church members. The **Meeting ID is: 896 7928 1614** and the **password is 4Wp4kK**. We hope to see you there!

**ARE YOU HEADED NORTH FOR THE SUMMER?** If your plans include leaving Naples for the summer, please call or email the office to let us know so we can change your address (597-5410 or [bbonavita@vpcnaples.org](mailto:bbonavita@vpcnaples.org).) We are also collecting non-perishable food donations for Helps Outreach!

**HELP US CELEBRATE GRADUATES!** If you have a senior graduating from high school, college, grad school or beyond, we want to help mark these significant educational milestones. This includes grandchildren! Also, if you have a student moving up from preschool, kindergarten, fifth grade or eighth grade, we need to hear from you, too! Send us a picture and short paragraph, so we can honor them on Graduation Sunday, June 13. Please email submissions to Drake DeBaun at [ddebaun@vpcnaples.org](mailto:ddebaun@vpcnaples.org) by May 28.

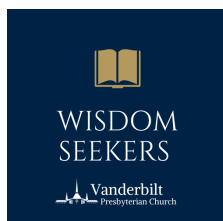


## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**SUMMER STUDY INVITE:** Friends in Faith is a caring group of women who support one another through study, prayer and friendship, as they explore God's word together. The group will resume on July 14 with a very special summer session. Meetings are held via Zoom on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 10:00-11:30am. All ladies are welcome to come read and discuss “Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament” by P. Lynn Miller. We will be ordering books for pick up in the church office. The cost is \$10. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting Barbara Bonavita at (239) 597-5410 or [bbonavita@vpcnaples.org](mailto:bbonavita@vpcnaples.org) before May 24.



**WISDOM SEEKERS:** This book discussion group is rooted in faith and connected by friendship, as they explore current affairs through topical authors. Each member of the group is currently reading a book of their choosing to bring to the table for review and discussion at a monthly lunch gathering this summer on June 2 and July 7. All are welcome. We understand many of us may have conflicts over the summer, so please feel free to join the group on an ad hoc basis. For more information email Heather Mikes at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org).



## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH MISSIONS

**THE WEEKEND POWER PACK PROGRAM:** According to the June 30, 2020, Annual Report by Florida's Council on Homelessness, there are over 1,000 homeless school-age children in Collier County. These children live in emergency and transitional shelters, motels, cars, the woods, or temporarily in other people's homes. Throughout the school year, breakfast and lunch are provided by the schools to homeless children and those in need on weekdays; however, there is nothing for them on weekends. Yearly, mid-August through May, the VPC Weekend Power Pack Program provides needy children at one elementary school food for the weekends. The Power Packs contain two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, and four snacks and are placed in the children's backpacks by the Guidance Counselor before they leave school on Friday. The program is funded by donations from our church members and friends of our congregation. The cost is approximately \$140.00 per child yearly, or \$7,000 a year. Currently, we have \$2,000 to finance this very worthwhile program for the 2021-2022 school year. VPC volunteers help by assembling the power packs for the children and contributing financially toward the cost of food. Please consider making a donation. Make out checks to VPC, and put Weekend Power Packs in the memo line. Please Contact Cherie Baines at [ctfl.baines@gmail.com](mailto:ctfl.baines@gmail.com) to participate. Thank you!



**VPC TROOP 274 CAR WASH:** Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church's Troop 274 is holding a car wash on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. The troop is accepting donations for their services to help pay for their summer camp at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, Jupiter, Florida the week of 7/18 to 7/24. The car wash will be on the west side of the building in the lot outside the youth wing. Please bring your car and support our Scout troop.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

**VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP:** Know someone in need? Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers that are a phone call or email away to walk beside you, listen and provide ongoing support. Call our Stephen Leader Referrals Coordinator: Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526([leskaybee@aol.com](mailto:leskaybee@aol.com)).



### THANK YOU BLOOD DONORS!

Our recent blood drive at VPC had:

17 People Registered with

17 Blood Units Collected and

51 Lives Saved!

There is no substitute for blood!

Thanks to all that helped to save lives by donating !



*Divided tongues, as  
of fire, appeared  
among them, and  
a tongue rested  
on each of them.*

ACTS 2:3, NRSV





## FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: April 2021:

	April	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$121,133	\$ 481,090	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$ 93,678	\$ 376,054	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	4/30/2021	\$ 605,641	



In everything  
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

## 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)

### **LTJG Wyatt R. Dawley**

US Navy Intel  
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

### **LCDR Adam Endrelunas**

US Navy  
(Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)

### **MAJ Allen Fujinaka**

US Army  
(LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)

### **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 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 & Roberta McMaster's  
granddaughter's husband)

**PRAY FOR OUR**  
  
**MILITARY**



### **\*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 Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club. Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

### **Happy Birthday!**

Millicent Marshall	5/23
*Fred Schulz	5/23
*Daniel Westerlund	5/23
*Jim Campbell	5/24
Emma Schilling	5/24
Alicia Farman	5/26
Dorothy Williams	5/26
Bud Getman	5/27
*Stephen Schock	5/27
Anne Christensen	5/28
Sara McConnell	5/28
Alfred Williams	5/28
*Judy Oehler	5/29



### **Happy Anniversary!**

Linda & Stan Swihart	5/23
Jodi & Bill Reckmeyer	5/24
Ben & Byna Hood	5/25
Edna & Wayne Benton	5/28
Jan & Rob Conrad	5/28
Caryl & Frank Bates	5/29

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family 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 friend of 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.

Ashley	Emily Orr
Greta Birnbaum	Jonathan Orr
David Bos	Domenico Paglia
Adriana Caruso	Marjorie Renth
Dick Creviston	Bruce Reyher
Gretchen Davison	Karen Rodino
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Twila Rowe
Jim Fligg	Ernie Sartorius
Ali Frimpter	Frank Schmitt
Pattie Fruth	Carol Schwiers
Lori Godwin	Sid Showalter
Donna Goldblatt	Deborah Smith
Quinten Hawkins	Liz Nowry Smith
Kay Hurley	Marilyn Snyder
Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	John Spain
Sandra Johnson	Alexandra Sze & Baby Luca Ryan
The Lass Family	Lake Walton
Larry MacDonald	
Judy Malone	
Max (Cindi & Stephen Schock's grandson)	
Joanna McNally	

### *Pentecost People*

*Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.  
Let your wisdom and right judgement  
guide our decisions and temper our impulses.  
Let knowledge and understanding  
increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.  
Let reverence and awe fill us  
with gratitude and respect for all of creation.  
Give us the courage to witness  
boldly to our faith in word and deed.  
Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.  
Amen.*



## 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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