

July 25, 2021  
The Ninth Sunday  
After Pentecost

**Psalm 145:10-18**

- <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you,  
O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.  
<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,  
<sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.  
<sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.  
<sup>16</sup> You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.  
<sup>17</sup> The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.  
<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Then Jesus took the loaves,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he distributed them to those  
who were seated; so also the fish,  
as much as they wanted.



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

Welcome to Vanderbilt! We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. As a courtesy to others, please remember to turn off cell phones during the service. The asterisk (\*) in the bulletin indicates that the congregation is asked to stand as able. We use responsive or unison readings and prayers at different times. The leader will read the words in *italics*. The congregation reads the words in **bold print**.

### Announcements

**Prelude:** Variations on "Coronation"

Thomas P. Frost  
(b. 1928)

### \* Call to Worship

*This is the hour to bend our knee before God.*

*This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.*

**We gather before God, who sees all our deeds.**

**We open our hearts to One who knows all our thoughts.**

*God's presence evokes our joyous worship.*

*The Holy Spirit empowers our service.*

**To God be highest glory in the church.**

**To God be endless adoration in the world.**

*Let us worship God.*

**\* Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

CORONATION

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| <p>1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!<br/>Let angels prostrate fall;<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all!<br/>Bring for the royal diadem,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all!</p>               | <p>3. Let every kindred, every tribe,<br/>On this terrestrial ball,<br/>To Him all majesty ascribe,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all!<br/>To Him all majesty ascribe,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all!</p>           |
| <p>2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,<br/>Ye ransomed from the fall,<br/>Hail Him who saves you by His grace,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all!<br/>Hail Him who saves you by His grace,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all!</p> | <p>4. O that with yonder sacred throng<br/>We at His feet may fall!<br/>We'll join the everlasting song,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all!<br/>We'll join the everlasting song,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all!</p> |

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

O God, you know our secret hearts. You are aware of our distortions, our jealousies, our lust. You observe our unfaithfulness, our treachery, our unwarranted fears. We are corrupted by greed, self-indulgence, and desire to be entertained. We do not take responsibility for our misconduct, our abuse of power, our lack of trust in you. We have little sense of vision to see beyond immediate circumstances or to embrace new possibilities. We miss the signs of your grace and resist the empowerment of your Spirit. Mighty God, still the storms within us with your transforming peace and boundless forgiveness, in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

#### \* 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.

#### Prayer for Illumination

## The First Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "Lead Me Lord"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

## The Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

**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.**

**Offering****Offertory: "Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind"**

Traditional Scottish

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. A.D. Miller (b. 1972)

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, Gentle as the dove; Touch us with love and teach us to sing Joy to you, Lord above. Your voice the sound, heard in the wind, O'er field and hills you sing; Now I can hear the joy, my Lord, the peace your song will bring. Love in our hearts, praise in our prayers, We follow on your way; Lord of the sky, Lord of the earth, Answer us when we pray.

**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: "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

WOODWORTH

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| <p>1. <b>Just as I am, without one plea<br/>But that Thy blood was shed for me,<br/>And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,<br/>O Lamb of God, I come, I come!</b></p>  | <p>3. <b>Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,<br/>Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;<br/>Because Thy promise I believe,<br/>O Lamb of God, I come, I come!</b></p> |
| <p>2. <b>Just as I am, though tossed about<br/>With many a conflict, many a doubt,<br/>Fightings and fears within, without,<br/>O Lamb of God, I come, I come!</b></p> | <p>4. <b>Just as I am, Thy love unknown<br/>Has broken every barrier down;<br/>Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,<br/>O Lamb of God, I come, I come!</b></p>        |

**\* Commission and Blessing**

*May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith.  
May the Holy Spirit strengthen your inner being.  
To God be glory in the church forever.  
May Christ be honored in all we say and do.  
Alleluia.  
Amen.*

\* **Benediction Response:** "Irish Blessing"

Owen Goldsmith

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1932-2015)

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back; may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

**Postlude:** "Toccata"

Johann Kreiger

(1651 - 1735)

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



The flowers on the Chancel are donated in celebration of our 54th Wedding Anniversary by Doug and Jill Dunn,

and in remembrance of Frank Schmitt by his close friends at Bentley Village.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*

**Sue Van Fossen**, *Liturgist for virtual worship*

**Susie Hilton**, *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*

**The Chancel Choir**, *for Sunday worship*

**Greeters:** Priscilla Kutler & Dixie Bibb

**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin (*Head Usher*), Jean Hahm, Jerry Warnken, Dianne Westerlund, Pat Rose

**Soundboard Operator:** Victoria Bonavita

"I AM  
the bread of  
LIFE"

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

**August 1: 10th Sunday After Pentecost**

**First Reading:**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

**Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35**

## VPC NEWS

**OUR NURSERY MINISTRY IS UP AND RUNNING**, for children ages birth through preschool. Check-in will be available at 9:45 am in the West Wing, Room 3 with Ms. Abby. All children are invited to participate in our 10:00 am in-person worship service with their families this summer. Be sure to check the dates for our family-led worship services with KidsMin activities for children and youth of all ages. Sunday school for children and youth is scheduled to resume on September 12 with our Fall Education Kick Off. Stay tuned! All of our education staff is background checked and fingerprinted to ensure a safe environment for our children where we nurture their faith and provide loving care. Ms. Abby is also a teaching assistant in the Learning Center. Please label all belongings and bring your cell phone (on silent), so that we may text you during the service if needed. We welcome you to participate in our online worship service, if you or your child is not feeling well. [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org). If you would like to volunteer or you have questions, please email Heather Mikes at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org).





## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

**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 at the link below and select items to purchase. Choose to ship them directly to Pinecrest Elementary School (NOT to VPC) between now and August 15. 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. [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lr/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lr/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl_share)



**THE PARISH LIFE MINISTRY TEAM** is looking for volunteers. The mission of the Parish Life Ministry team is to organize and facilitate events that bring our church together in food, fun, and fellowship. We work throughout the year to provide events that meet the needs of our congregation. We need your help and hope you will consider working with us. Please contact Pat Rose [patrose@me.com](mailto:patrose@me.com) if you are interested or would like more information.



**THANK YOU VPC members** for your continued support of the Helps Outreach food drive! Through your generosity, a considerable bounty of food was collected on Sunday, July 15 to feed the hungry of Naples! Please continue to support their work by donating nonperishable food to fill their pantry. There is a collection box at VPC near the reception desk where we can donate food such as canned tuna, chicken, salmon, beans, fruit, boxes of pasta, cereal, rice, jars of peanut butter, or spaghetti sauce. On Sunday, August 15, the Helps Outreach truck will again be at VPC to collect the donated food. Helps Outreach is supported totally through the generous donations of community members. Volunteers are much needed, especially during the summer. If you have some time to volunteer, your help would be much appreciated. Please contact Joe or Angie at [helpsoutreach@hotmail.com](mailto:helpsoutreach@hotmail.com) or call (239) 593-3226. Cash donations are also very welcome. Make your check to VPC and put "Helps" in the memo line.



**SAVE A LIFE....SIGN UP FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE:** Please consider donating blood! The Bloodmobile will be at Vanderbilt on Sunday, August 15th from 9 am - 12 pm. Call the church to schedule a time 597-5410. Photo ID is required. Eat a meal before donating & be well hydrated. The blood bank is in need of all blood types—so please consider giving the gift of life!



## 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)).



## FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: May 2021:



	May	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$117,269	\$ 598,360	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$ 89,499	\$ 465,426	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	5/30/2021	\$ 464,764	

### 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)



### **Happy Birthday!**

Courtney Lowe	7/26
Donald Throckmorton	7/27
Stephanie DeVito	7/28
Connie Lewis	7/28
*Madge Bush	7/29
*Charla Henningsen	7/29
Justin Gallo	7/30
Barbara Sletto	7/30
*Cynthia Russell	7/31
Scott Wollaston	7/31

### Happy Birthday!



#### **\*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 Anniversary!**

Joe & Ruth Felipe	7/25
Amber & Craig Grider	7/25
Christine & Jonas Rockhold	7/25
Joseph & Karen Negri	7/27
David & Elizabeth Lee	7/28
Della & Jack Sheppard	7/29
Fred & Karen Schulz	7/30



## 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.



Faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for,  
the conviction  
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1, NRSV



Adriana Caruso  
Ron Davis  
Gretchen Davison  
Jim & Wealtha Flick  
Jim Fligg  
Ali Frimpter  
Pattie Fruth  
Connie Hawkins  
Fran Lauriat

Judy Malone  
Elaine Nale  
Jonathan Orr  
Domenico Paglia  
Leah Ray  
Marjorie Renth  
Twila Rowe  
Don Schulte and  
Family  
Fred Schulz  
Ron Seiling  
Deborah Smith  
Liz Nowry Smith  
Lake Walton  
Ray Waters  
Rev. B.J. Weber  
Jayce Wood  
Van-Horn &  
Chris and Jessica



*We are saddened to announce the death of **Frank Schmitt** on July 14, 2021. Frank was a member of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for over sixteen years. A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 24th at 11 am. Memorial contributions may be made to Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church or Nope's Island Conservation Association, 4 Wawaloam Dr., Westerly, RI. 02891*  
*Please keep his family in your prayers.*

## 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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