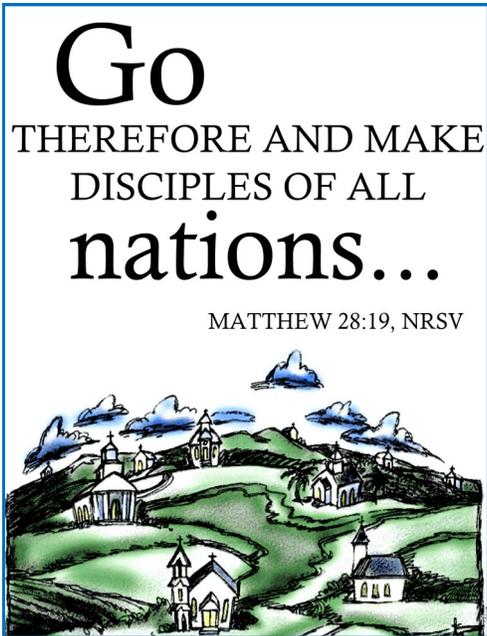




April 24, 2022

The Second Sunday of Easter



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. Children are important members of our faith community and are welcome in worship. Nursery ministry is also available. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. As a courtesy to others, please 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 words in **bold print**.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prayer of Preparation

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Amen.

Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Prelude: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

arr. Mark Hayes

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1953)

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love, Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in You. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD SPEAKING TO US

***Call To Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Glory and honor, dominion, and power, be to God forever and ever!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***Hymn #122: "Thine is The Glory"**

JUDAS MACCABEUS

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

A Call for Reflection

Jesus has commanded us to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations. Is Christianity doing its job and converting people making disciples? Across the world are we making progress in spreading the Good News that the Kingdom of God is here? And that Jesus is Our Lord? Would you reflect upon these questions? As a disciple of Jesus, how are we doing in spreading the Good News that Jesus is Lord; that God's Kingdom is amongst us; that God's love is demonstrated in all we do in our families, in our work station, in our retirement?

God's Reassurance:

God will assist us in changing our lives and make them new that we may know the joy of life abundant given to us by the Resurrected Jesus.

* 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.**

A Word with the Children

Heather Mikes

We invite children to gather up front for a special children's message.
After we sing "Jesus Loves Me," children and youth ages PreK-3 through High School
may go study, serve, pray and play together during Sunday school.

**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.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Mighty and Powerful God, let the light of your glory, shining in the face of your risen Son, illumine our hearts and minds today as we hear your Word read and preached. By the power of that same light, brighten our paths, that we may walk always in your way, and bear witness to your overpowering love for all people, through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 118:5-9

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. ⁶With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me? ⁷The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals. ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

This is the Word of the Psalmist

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Richard Erickson

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

***Gospel Lesson**

St. Matthew 28:16- 20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

By the Gift of the Holy Spirit this may become The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Response: "Christ, You are Light"

Jacques Berthier

Homily: "Our Pilgrim's Journey: Finding Our Way to the Light"

The Rev. Louis S. Thompson

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

In life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching the good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We believe in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering of our Gifts of Thanksgiving

***Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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.

Choral Response: "Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"

Jacques Berthier

OUR GOING OUT

***Hymn of Celebration #108: "Christ Is Alive"**

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.
3. Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.
4. In every insult, rift and war,
Where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

***Charge and Benediction**

*** 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: Short Voluntary

John Worgan (1724-1790)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

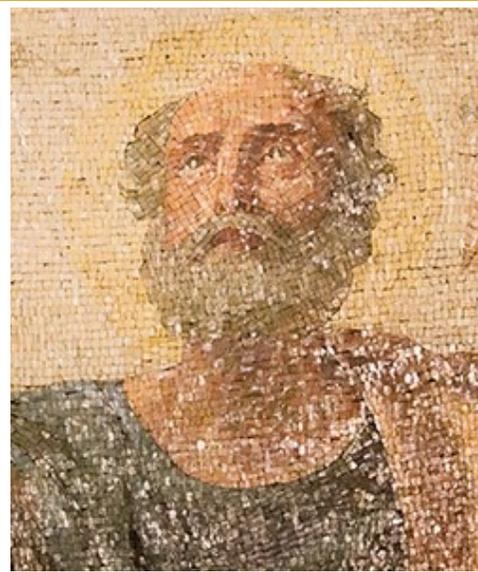
The Rev. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate*
Suzanne Zelinka, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Karen Chappler, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*
Dr. James Cochran, *Director of Music*, playing
the **Richard & Patricia Fors Organ** given to the
glory of God and in honor of James Cochran,
Organist.
Heather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

David Curtiss, *Baritone for Sunday worship*
The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*
Julie Carver, *Pianist for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Geri & Bill Payne
Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Joe Trees, Doug Dunn, David &
Cherie Baines, Pat Rose
Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Jim
Hart



Special thanks to the Membership and Involvement Team
For sponsoring our Fellowship Hour this morning
In appreciation for all VPC Staff
Who make our church run smoothly.





SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 1:

The Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Acts 9:1-6

Gospel Reading:

John 21:1-19

Sermon Series:

We are Witnesses

Sermon:

"Who Are You, Lord?"



**The flowers on the chancel
are given in loving memory of
our parents, Bryce C. Cochran
and Doris B. Cochran
by Molly and Jim.**

VPC NEWS

PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS OR FELLOWSHIP

HOUR: We have many dates available to sponsor the chancel flowers and Fellowship Hour. You can do so in honor or memory of a loved one or just because you love your church! Contact Barbara Bonavita at 597-5410 to schedule a date.



CHICKS WITH STICKS will meet on **Thursday, April 28** in the VPC Library at **1:30pm**. All who knit or crochet are welcome. Bring your current project. Email or call Molly Cochran with questions. (757) 291-4034 or mollyknits53@yahoo.com.



WE'RE GETTING READY TO RELAY ON APRIL 30! Throughout April, our children and youth groups will be learning about the American Cancer Society and participating in Relay for Life with a special service project. VPC Youth are selling luminaria bags for \$10 in honor, in memory or in support of someone with cancer. All monies collected will go directly to the American Cancer Society. To purchase, come visit us in Fellowship Hall after worship on April 24 or during Wednesday Night Lights on April 20. Everyone is invited to join us at Mercato for Relay for Life on **Saturday, April 30**.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000 : April 25 at 5pm come to help pack food at the warehouse at 4451 Mercantile Avenue. If you are available and would like to join us, please email Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com) to volunteer. To donate please make your check out to VPC and in the memo line put Collier Harvest.

CAFÉ of LIFE: Friday, April 29 at 9:30am - Volunteers will present a "Fruit Blessing" at Café of Life - Leitner Park, 26274 Nomad Drive, Bonita Springs. You can donate fruit or a carton of eggs to Café of Life at 9:15am on Friday, or drop off at VPC on Thursday, April 28, before 12:30pm.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE: We are accepting donations to help the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Program which will send funds where the need is most urgent. Send a check to VPC and put Ukraine in the memo or donate online at www.vpcnaples.org.



SUMMER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN:

VPC is offering two fun events for children this summer.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP will be held **June 6-17** (weekdays only) from 9am-12pm. Under the direction of Julie Carver and Jeremy Goodman, Campers will learn singing techniques, musical games, and have the opportunity to learn about composers and musical instruments. **Registration (Now -June 1): \$100/student** *Students must be currently registered (or homeschooled) to attend school in Collier or Lee Counties. VPC will provide snacks. Info: VPC Office, 597-5410. There is no before or after care.



VACATION BIBLE FUN! Our Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party" theme invites kids to get on a roll with God, **July 18-22, 9am-12pm** for students who are four years old by Sept. 1, 2022 through Fifth Grade. Fee is \$25 per student. Payments can be made online or via check dropped off at the church office. Please indicate "VBS" in the memo. Spots are limited to the first 50 registrants with received payment. Volunteer opportunities are available for adults, college students, high schoolers and middle schoolers. For complete details and to sign up for either camp, check your emails or look on our website. www.vpcnaples.org.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS:

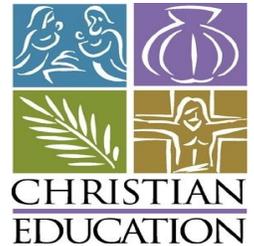
FRIENDS IN FAITH: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 10:30am - via Zoom

WISDOM SEEKERS: Join us on **May 4** for the Sustainable Climate Solutions Zoom presentation at 11am in Harp Hall, followed by a casual lunch gathering. Bring your own lunch and book ideas.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm in Harp Hall

VPC BOOK CLUB: Will meet at Seasons 52 at **11:30am on Monday, April 25, 2022.**

Please RSVP to Peggy Landon (mlandon711@gmail.com). Bring ideas for next season and enjoy lunch and conversation.



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)

CPTN Devon Hennessey

Korea (Toni Hubbard)

Nolan Kelly

US Army - Private First Class
Fort Sill, OK

SGT Wesley Kennedy

USMC - Okinawa, Japan

Christian Kurz

US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)

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



Happy Birthday!

*Carolyn Elmore	4/24	*Wendy Baker	4/26
Al Todd	4/24	Richard Grunert	4/27
Joan Butler	4/25	*Jim Hart	4/29
*David Gibson	4/25	*Stephen Myers	4/30



Happy Anniversary!

Carol & Price Lindsay	4/25
Linda & Ron Addaman	4/29
Alice & Dennis Lebo	4/29
Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen	4/29

*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! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

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. 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 note that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Margaret Andreason	Marlene Everson	Marilyn McKee	Ernie Sartorius	Sean and AJ &
Cynthia Arnold	Jim & Wealtha Flick	John & Roberta	Carol Schwiars	the Wiegert Family
Ron Bartlett	Jim Fligg	McMaster	Harold Soule	Al Williams
Chris Bertler	Jim Folliard	Joan Mountford	Eric Steiner	
Alexis Bevan	Lori Godwin	Bridgette Negri	J. Richard Szeremany	
Camie & North	Jean Hahm	Joseph Negri	Dr. Al Tatarunius	
Burmester	Blair Harlan	The Pearson Family	Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen	
Tammie Carow	Mary Hart	Finley Bryan Perry	Annalisa Wack	
Adriana Caruso	Don Iwaniki	and Family	Geraldine Wearsch	
Mason & Pat Colby	Sandra Johnson	Harriet Rauenzahn	Dan Westerlund	
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Ron Davis	Judy Malone	Twila Rowe		



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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