



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 22, 2022 **The Sixth 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**.

Green Friendship Pads - We invite you, members and visitors, to sign our Green Friendship Pads and pass it down your pew and back, to welcome those with whom you are worshipping.

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: "Elegie"

Christian Traugott Krebs (1753-1804)

Preparing To Hear God Speaking to Us

*Call To Worship

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us worship God.

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| <p>1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.</p> <p>2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us</p> | <p>free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.</p> <p>3. Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.</p> |
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A Call for Reflection

Blessed with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are free to name with utter honesty the failing of the Universal Church, our mistakes, our brokenness. Knowing that God desires a humble and contrite heart, we make our reflection time to repent and ask for forgiveness. (silent prayer) Amen.

God's Reassurance

But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners, Jesus, died for us and by us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God? For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of the Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Our Lord 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.**

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

Gracious God, you meet us as we are, but do not leave us as you find us. Send your Spirit and open us to the transformative power of your living Word. Trusting your promise that your word will not return to you empty, we ask that you would use this time of proclamation to form us more in the likeness of Jesus, your Son, and our Lord. Amen.

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 89:1-5

¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. ² I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. ³ You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: ⁴ "I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations."'" ⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

By the gift of God's Spirit this may become the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)

Traditional American Melody, Words: John Newton

Additional Chorus by Chris Tomilin and Louie Giglio, arr. Russell Maudlin

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear and Grace, my fears relieved. How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, My Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, Amazing Grace! The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The Sun forbear to shine! But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, Will be forever mine. You are forever mine!

* A Reading from the Christian Scriptures

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-6, 9-13

¹ We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. ³ For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰ and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹ and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹² and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Thanks be to God.

Homily: "Awesome and Awful"

The Rev. Louis S. Thompson

Solo: "I Give to You a New Commandment"

Peter Nardone

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1965)

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you. Amen.

***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.

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.

Our Going Out

***Hymn of Celebration #288: "I Sing the Mighty Power"**

ELLACOMBE

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| 1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey. | Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies! |
| 2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good. | 3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there. |

***Charge and Benediction**

*** Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

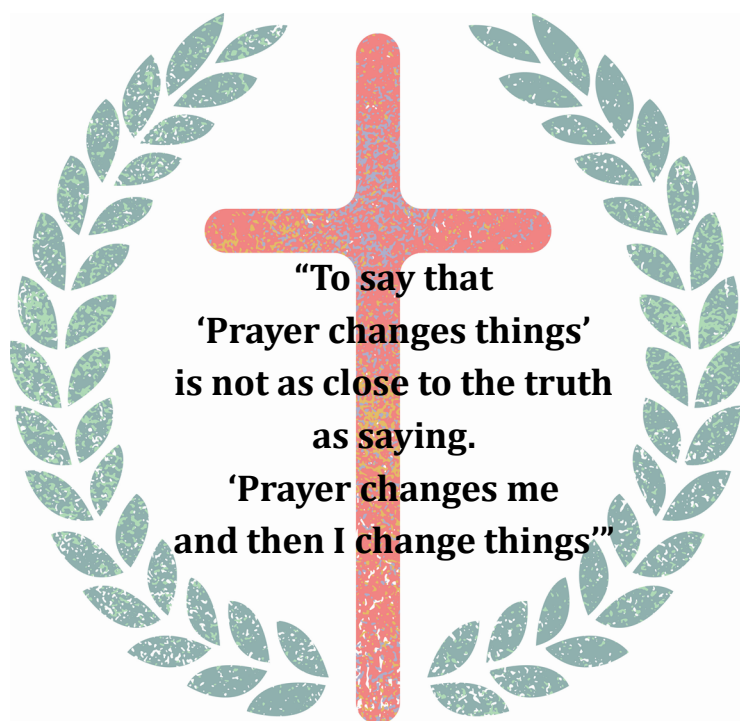
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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, children all are we; Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me let this be the 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: "Toccata"

Johann Kreiger (1651-1735)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate*
Susie Hilton, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Dixie Bibb, *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*
Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano for Sunday worship*

The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*
Julie Carver, *Pianist for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Ruth Felipe
Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Greg & Julie Borden, Sue & Bill
Van Fossen, Pat Rose, Bill & Geri Payne
Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita &
Jim Hart

SPEAK HOPE gather

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 29: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Hebrew Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Christian Scripture: Acts 2:1-13

The Rev. Louis S. Thompson,

Parish Associate

Homily: "Speak Hope Gather"

The flowers that were on the chancel last Sunday (May 15) were given in loving memory of Pat Patterson by Pocket and Family. We apologize for the omission in the bulletin last week.



The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of my husband, Richard Eliot, by Louise Eliot.

Thank you to Nancy A. Guthy for providing our Fellowship Hour treats today.



VPC NEWS

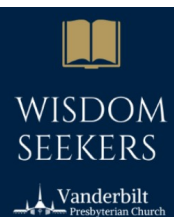
HELP US CELEBRATE GRADUATES! If you have a senior graduating from high school, college, grad school or beyond, we want to help mark these significant educational milestones. This includes grandchildren! Also, if you have a student moving up from preschool, kindergarten, fifth grade or eighth grade, we need to hear from you, too! Send us a picture and short paragraph including their name, school and grade they are graduating from and the school they are heading to. Please include family information of proud parents, siblings and/or grandparents. Then tell us something fun like a hobby or sport played or a special talent. You could even include a favorite Bible verse! We will honor them on Moving Up **Sunday, June 5**. Please email submissions **by TODAY** to Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.



VBS Volunteer Intro: Join us for a brief VBS volunteer meeting **TODAY, Sunday, May 22 at 11:15am** in the Student Center (located in the West Wing). Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to serve during the Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party" **July 18-22, 9am-12pm**. Each of us plays an important role in inspiring our **Chefs**. Opportunities are still available for adults, college students, high schoolers & middle schoolers. Let's get on a roll with God! For more information or questions, email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.



VLC SPRING CONCERT & GRADUATION: Vanderbilt Learning Center students and their families will celebrate the end of the school year with joyful songs on **May 23 at 6pm** in the Sanctuary. Come see what they've been working on with Dr. Jim. Help us celebrate our preschool and kindergarten graduates!



WISDOM SEEKERS: Wisdom Seekers will meet on **June 1, at 12pm** at the Boston Beer Garden as a Thank You to them for sponsoring our Maundy Thursday dinner. Our topic is a discussion of the book "The Next Great Migration" by Sonia Shah. All are welcome and we hope those in town will join us.

ADVENTURE IS OUT THERE! Join us for Moving Up Movie Night in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, June 3, from 6-8pm**. We will be showing the movie "Up," as we get ready for Moving Up Sunday on June 5, to celebrate graduates and educational milestones. Children and families of ALL ages are invited to stay together. If you'd prefer, children ages three and up may be dropped off. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Please email hmikes@vpcnaples.org to sign up.





CAN YOU SPARE A DROP? Our next blood drive is on **Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 9am - 12pm.** To donate, you must wear a face mask on the bloodmobile, bring your ID, eat well and be hydrated, be at least 16 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. To sign up for a time, call the church office at 597-5410. Give Blood.....Save a Life!

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.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: Jesus taught to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). Stephen Ministry is one important, tangible way to carry out this commandment and show God’s love to others. Our Stephen Ministers at VPC have been meeting needs for care for 23 years, and we thank God for the gift of their ministry. Their training has given them the knowledge and skills to provide one-to-one care for people in our congregation and community. Be on the Lookout for those in need! *Why the name Stephen?* The name *Stephen* comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (Acts 6).



FRIENDS IN FAITH: Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 13**, where we will discuss “Reaching for the Invisible God” by Phillip Yancey. If you would like a copy of the book, email Kay Beernink at leskaybee@aol.com.



FINANCIAL UPDATE - OPERATING FUND 2022



	April	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$ 92,056	\$507,373	\$536,300
Expenses	\$107,900	\$389,618	\$448,500
Net	(\$ 15,844)	\$117,755	\$ 87,800

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)

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!

Millicent Marshall 5/23
 *Fred Schulz 5/23
 *Daniel Westerlund 5/23
 *Jim Campbell 5/24
 Alicia Farman 5/26
 Phyllis Sharp 5/26
 Dot Williams 5/26
 Bud Getman 5/27
 *Stephen Schock 5/27



Jayce Wood 5/27
 Anne Christensen 5/28
 Sara McConnell 5/28
 Alfred Williams 5/28

Happy Anniversary!

Chuck & Heidi Holley 5/22
 Linda & Stan Swihart 5/23
 Jodi & Bill Reckmeyer 5/24
 Brian & Julie Carver 5/25
 Ben & Byna Hood 5/25
 Jan & Robert Conrad 5/28
 Adam & Kristin Day 5/28



***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!

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	Mason & Pat Colby	Lori Godwin	Joan Mountford	Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen
Cynthia Arnold	Dick Creviston	Gerry & Lynn	Bridgette Negri	Al Williams
Ron Bartlett	Ron Davis	Greenblatt	Joseph Negri	
Charles Beattie	Nancy Diederich	Jean Hahm	Ernie Sartorius	
Chris Bertler	Annette & Bill	Blair Harlan	Carol Schwiars	
Alexis Bevan	Dietrich	Mary Hart	Jeff Smith	
Peg Black	Marlene Everson	Don Iwaniki	Harold Soule	
Gene Blanchard	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Sandra Johnson	The Steiner Family	
Camie & North	The Fligg Family	Keira Krumbine	J. Richard Szeremany	
Burmester	Jim Folliard	Judy Malone	Dr. Al Tatarunius	
Tammie Carow	Annie Foster	Marilyn McKee	The Teasdale Family	
Adriana Caruso	The Gianola Family	The Moreno Family		



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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