



Vineville Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Ann Caldwell, organist

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude	<i>Prelude in A-flat</i>	Rinck
Welcome and Invocation		Angela Blizzard
Music for Meditation	<i>Reflection on 'It Is Well with My Soul'</i>	Caldwell
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 130	Leigh Halverson
Hymn	<i>Peace in the Valley</i>	I AM TIRED AND WEARY

I am tired and weary, but I must go on
Till the Lord comes to call me away,
Where the morning is bright and the Lamb is the light
And the night is as fair as the day.
There'll be peace in the valley for me someday,
There'll be peace in the valley for me.
I pray no more sorrow and sadness or trouble will be,
There'll be peace in the valley for me.

There the bear will be gentle, the wolf will be tame,
And the lion will lay down by the Lamb.
The beast from the wild will be led by a Child,
I'll be changed from the creature I am.
There'll be peace in the valley for me someday,
There'll be peace in the valley for me.
I pray no more sorrow and sadness or trouble will be,
There'll be peace in the valley for me.

Children's Sermon Leigh Halverson

*The Lord's Prayer

We invite everyone to stand as we all say the Lord's Prayer together.

Hymn Response Reading *It Is Well with My Soul* led by Matthew Smith

Leader: When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
**Congregation: Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

Leader: Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control;
**Congregation: That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.**

Leader: My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole
**Congregation: Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
**Congregation: The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so, it is well with my soul!”**

Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>Waiting Here for You</i>	Angela Blizzard
Scripture Reading	Romans 8:18-25	Richard Kremer
Sermon	“The Nature of Christian Hope”	Richard Kremer
Hymn of Response	<i>Heaven Came Down</i>	HEAVEN CAME DOWN

Oh what a wonderful, wonderful day -- day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.
Oh what a tender, compassionate friend; He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,
He made all the darkness depart!

**Heaven came down and glory filled my soul
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away, and my night was turned to day –
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul.**

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received.

*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
*Postlude	Voluntary on OLD HUNDREDTH	Thompson

FROM THE PASTOR

A Proposed COVID-19 Policy

Our medical ad hoc committee of Suzanne Clark, Sandra Higgison, Kathy Kendrick, Frieda Underwood and Rob Wilson has recommended a church-wide COVID-19 policy that as of this writing is being shared with the church council. I should add that this policy has already been adopted by the personnel committee, and we are currently taking its recommendations seriously. But I felt like the entire congregation needed to know what this conscientious committee has proposed.

Overview: Of paramount importance is the use of face masks/coverings to be used by all staff, volunteers, visitors and congregants upon entrance to VBC buildings/services. The only exceptions to this safety practice are the existence of a pre-existing condition which precludes the use of a face mask/covering and if the individual is located in a closed office/workroom.

In addition face masks/coverings must be worn by all individuals at outdoor events or tasks if a social distance of at least six feet cannot be maintained.

General Operating Guidelines:

1. All people who enter a VBC structure **MUST** wear a face mask/covering. Exceptions include those aged 2 and under, those working alone in a room/office with their door closed, or those suffering a pre-existing condition which prevents the use of a face covering.
2. Frequent handwashing and sanitizing of hands is strongly encouraged

3. Sanitation of all rooms used by groups must be completed no later than the day following the event.
4. Sanitation of each workspace to be completed daily with frequently touched surfaces.
5. Ventilation of the AC system must comply with CDC filtering recommendations.
6. Any external group using VBC facilities is discouraged, but if allowed, all attendees must adhere to this operating policy. And any group cannot exceed 50 participants in the sanctuary or activities building.
7. There will be NO in-home visitation of ill congregants.
8. If any individual exhibits the following symptoms, they must remain at home: a. fever of 100 degrees or greater; b. shortness of breath or breathing difficulty; c. cough; d. chills; e. muscle pain; f. fatigue; g. new onset headache; h. new loss of taste and/or smell; i. nasal congestion, runny nose; j. nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. These symptoms apply to church staff and to congregants. (In short, don't show up for work or worship at the church if you are sick!)

Also, in accordance with the medical team's recommendations, each of us on the church staff undergoes a daily temperature check at the office. This is also true for the morning school staff and students. They also recommend no sharing of food or beverages or use of the church's water fountains.

Finally, the medical team recommends that ALL of us receive the annual flu vaccine. (I will admit that I usually don't get the flu vaccine, but I WILL this year.)

Should any church staff member or church volunteer be exposed to COVID-19, the medical team recommends self-quarantining for ten days. This staff member or volunteer can return to duties after ten days, if they are asymptomatic and test negative for COVID-19.

Some may regard these precautions as unnecessary. But the virus has been brought home to me in a very personal way. Despite being very careful about public interactions, just in the last week, four of my family, including my father, have been exposed to COVID-19. One of my sons resigned his post as a teacher because his school was not implementing safe teaching procedures, and he couldn't afford to bring the virus home to his wife, who is in her last trimester of pregnancy. You might think this virus cannot reach you or affect your family. Trust me – it can. Let us take every measure necessary to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to Tonia Francis and her family in the death of her son, Rory Francis.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of George W. Cooke for his birthday on September 23 by June Cooke, Debra, David, and Tammie.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 29
3:00-7:00 PM
Activities Building
Sign up online. Contact Jennifer Kelly if you have questions.

FALL BAZAAR ITEMS FOR SALE
ROOM M-106

Canned Goods: Half Pint \$3.50 Pint: \$7.00 Quart \$8.00

1 Scuppernong Jelly	1/2 pint
1 Pear Preserves	pints
17 Fig Preserves	pints
2 Hot Dill Pickles	quarts
7 Strawberry Jam	1/2 pint

Crosses for sale - priced according to size
Microwave potholders - sold out
Masks - \$3.50
Fall and other seasonal decorative items are available



Free Conference Call

Remember you may call 844-855-4444 and enter the code: 4441797# to listen to VBC worship and other offerings.

Download the free "Conference Call" app for your cell phone. The ID is vbcmacon1.

CURRENT NEEDS FOR MENTOR'S PROJECT

Mentors Project has now adjusted back to providing grocery items for families. We will collect shelf stable items like **rice, pasta, tuna, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, canned veggies, cans of soup, cereal, breakfast bars**, etc. These items can be donated at the church in the donation bin or at 1233 Bass Road at June O'Neal's home. Please contact Angela or Jennifer Kelly if you have questions.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 13

Budget Offering	\$15,093
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$7,096
YTD Budget Contributions	\$528,274

A CONVENIENT OPTION FOR GIVING



The QR code can be scanned with your smartphone and it will direct you to the VBC giving website.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Norma Thompson. Next week is Len Hindsman.

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music & Youth
Leigh Halverson	Minister to Family & Education
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Tonia Boyd	Weekday Morning School
Kathy McCray	Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Todd Smith	474-6333
Deacon Ministry	Peggy Hindsman	719-5203
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
Media Center	Kay Defore	476-9986
Men's Ministry	Todd Smith	474-6333
Missions	Claire Whitaker	955-7323
Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289