



April 28, 2024
5th Easter Sunday

PRELUDE *Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song* Arr. Wallace / Low
Joyful Spirit Ensemble, Linda Freeman-Soloist

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Pastor Craig

TRINITY RINGING, CHORAL PROCESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bud Landry
I am the vine, you are the branches, says the LORD. Those who abide in
me and I in them bear much fruit.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* 32

CALL TO PRAYER

Jesus said: I give you a new Commandment: That you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also shall love one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O GOD, we behold your majesty in the love shown by your Son, lifted on the cross and exalted in Heaven. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another. Gift us the grace to love one another, to follow in the way of your commandments, to share Christ's eternal life. Amid all the changes of this world, empower us to desire what you promise and to love what you command. We pray all this in the name of your Son our Savior. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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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.

ANTHEM

I Choose You

D. Governor

When I am weak and heavy laden,
Christ comes to me and I can hear Him say,
"Lean on me, I am your refuge;
Trust in me and do not be afraid.

I choose you to be My beloved,
I choose you to be My joy.
I choose you to live with Me forever;
I choose you."

When days are dark and nights seem endless;
When I am lost and cannot find my way,
Christ is my light, my hope, my comfort,
I call on Him and then I hear Him say,
"I choose you."

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 AMEN

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

John 15: 1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Abide in me, as I also abide in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must abide in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do

not abide in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Acts 8: 26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to a lake and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME SPIRITUALITY”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed 35
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ **HYMN** *Ho, All Who Thirst* 479

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lone Wild Bird* Arr. H. McFayden
Joyful Spirit Ensemble, Linda Freeman—Soloist

****Please print your name in the fellowship register: Friendship Pads in the pews are a great way to meet your neighbor.***

***** If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well. Our Pastors and Prayer Ministry Team will Pray for your request.***

⌄ **DOXOLOGY** 606

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.

⌄ **HYMN** *When I Survey the Wonderful Cross* 223

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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 Creator, 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 ev'ry 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** *Chromatic Fugue* Pachelbel

✠ All those who are able, please stand

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Jim and Kathie Rusk, in
Celebrating their 62nd Anniversary.

THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT IS IN MEMORIAM OF PATRICIA A. SMITH

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 9:00AM** Parkinson's Chair Exercise—Charter Hall
- 9:30AM** Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- 1:00PM** Bible Reflections, Bible Study—Classroom 5

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 9:00AM** Cardio Drumming—Fellowship Hall
- 9:30AM** Prayer Ministry—Sweet Family Room
- 11:00AM** Creation/Chaos Class—Classroom 5
- 1:00AM** NOC Meeting – Spiritual Life Center
- 1:00PM** Journey Through Grief – Classroom 5
- 2:30PM** Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal—Sweet Family Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00AM** Men's Bible Study—Classroom 1
- 9:00AM** Parkinson's Chair Exercise—Charter Hall
- 10:00AM** Chair Exercise Class—Charter Hall
- 2:00PM** Valley Ringers Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 3:00PM** Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MAY 2

4:00PM National Day of Prayer – Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MAY 3

9:00AM Parkinson’s Chair Exercise—Charter Hall

11:00AM Piano Tuning - Sanctuary

11:00AM Parkinson’s Support Group Potluck – Fellowship Hall

1:00PM Journey Through Grief – Classroom 5

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00AM Communion Prep – Kitchen

3:00PM Civic Orchestra of Tucson Concert – Sanctuary

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
March-2024		Through Week 16 (04/21/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 77,001	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	269
Monthly Giving Budget	62,410	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	5,584
YTD Giving Support	235,508	Weekly Viewing On-Line	199
YTD Giving Budget	205,350	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	2,331
<i>S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2024 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children's Time.

We are glad you have joined us today.



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