



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

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at our Welcome Centers located at our two main entrances, or at the Visitor Center in Fellowship Hall.

*Enya (b. 1961) is a popular Irish singer, songwriter, and producer. She has sold over 75 million albums in her career, and you probably know a lot of her music. This morning, Joel will play his own organ arrangement of *Athair Ar Neamh*, which means "Father in Heaven." Although she is a very private individual, it is assumed that this song was inspired by her upbringing in the Catholic faith. The text roughly translates as: "Father in Heaven, God bless us. Father in Heaven, God bless me. My soul, my heart, my glory. Praise to you, God." Let this be our prayer this morning, and I encourage you to listen to this lesser-known song on YouTube sometime this week.

Lectionary Study With a Pastor: Tuesday, July 18th at 10:30 a.m. in Classroom 5. Meet with the preaching pastor to discuss scripture for the next Sunday sermon. Call the office to sign-up (625-5023) and bring a Bible you enjoy reading.

Rev. Mark Medina is holding office hours on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at the Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club. Feel free to drop in for coffee or ice tea.

Calling All Cooks! Please submit your favorite recipes for our 40th anniversary cookbook. See the July Valley Voice for details, or pick up instruction sheets at the Welcome Centers. All recipes must be submitted by September 15th.

Back to School Supplies for Youth on Their Own (YOTO): Plan to stop by the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall today to learn more about YOTO. A list of school supplies that YOTO is collecting for their students will be available. Bring an item for donation with you, or find out what nearby businesses will accept these donated school supplies. (Mary Horn, Mission Committee liaison to YOTO)

Pray Like Jesus - Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer: This new class starts on Thursdays, August 3rd through September 7th at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. Come join our six week discussion, led by Judy Cunningham, as we re-examine the content of the Lord's Prayer. Books (\$10) will be on sale at the Faith Formation Kiosk on Sundays in July.

Nominating Committee continues to seek names to consider for the Session and the Deacons. Please find a Nominating Form at the Welcome Center or in the Church Office. You can also download the form from our website (www.valleypresbyterian.net>News & Events) or submit it directly online from there.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Barbara Dittmer, Steve Larson,
Cheryl & Dave Stepp

Information Center

Pat Bruner

Owl Express

Dave Stepp

La Posada Service of Worship

Helen Phillips, Sonya Larsen

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Dorothy Foucher

A New Discussion Group is being organized. It will center on discussions about Christian authors and the books they've written. If you are interested in this group, please contact Ruth Morris at 648-6302 or Rev. Phillips at 625-5023.

Plant Sale for God's Bee-utiful Garden: On Sunday, July 23 during Coffee Hour, the leaders of this year's Vacation Bible School program **Bee-Attitudes in God's Bee-utiful Garden**, will hold a plant sale to help off-set costs. If you have a plant to donate, please bring it to Classroom 3 during the week. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School

Starts tomorrow! Pray for the children and workers as they study the Bee-Attitudes.



Each Wednesday evening at **5 p.m.**, *The Source* offers a unique experience of worship in the Spiritual Life Center.

Enter the church using the door by the fountain.

Wednesday, July 19 - Healing & Hope

A supporting service, with hymns of hope and encouragement, Scripture, a short message, healing prayers and anointing of oil for those who choose it.



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STEVE RODINE, Church Administrator

JOEL PIERCE, Director of Music

CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, Parish Nurse

To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

¶All those who are able may stand.

9:30 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God of mercy, in Jesus Christ you freed us from sin and death, and by your Holy Spirit you nourish our mortal bodies with life. Plant us now in good soil, that our lives may flower in righteousness and peace. Amen.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

PRELUDE

Sweet By-and-by

arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT

Jesus, Name Above All Names Name Above All Names **2071**

**Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

¶CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 65:9-12

Rev. Medina

L: *God visits the earth and waters it,*

P: **Greatly enriching the earth.**

L: *God waters the earth, softening it with showers,*

P: **And blessing the earth.**

L: *Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,*

All: **Let us shout and sing together for joy! Let us worship God.**

¶HYMN

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers Nun Danket

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Seeds of Faith by James E. Janecek

O God of steadfast love, you change bitter tears of remorseful hearts with raindrops of mercy. Now let us germinate a new life, growing with integrity! God of steadfast love, you change the cold shame of contrite hearts with sunrays of mercy. Now let us sprout a new life, growing with honesty! God of steadfast love, you change the stony edges of repentant hearts into landscapes of mercy. Now let us branch out into new life, growing with generosity! O God, hear now our silent prayers of confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* (v.1)384

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean
depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

ANTHEM

I Choose You

Sanctuary Choir

Deborah Govenor

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.



Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.

HYMN *The Servant Song* The Servant Song 2222
Soloist sings verses 1, 3 & 5; **Congregation sings verses 2, 4 & 6**

TIME WITH CHILDREN (June-August)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Deacon Jim Nelson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:1-11 (*Pew Bible p. 1756*)
Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (*Pew Bible p. 1516*)
Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “*Spreading the Seeds of the Gospel*” Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* Nyland 560

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Athair Ar Neamb** Enya
(Father in Heaven)

DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592
**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun* Duke Street 423

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 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 breath 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 *Postlude on Psalm 33* Roger Wilson
(Blessed is the Nation)

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: “*Spreading the Seeds of the Gospel*”

Romans 8:1-11 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your Spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let them hear.”

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”