

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 while enjoying refreshments just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

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

Forming Your Faith: Adult Sunday School Class. Fifteen minutes after the worship service ends today, head into Classroom 5 for a session on "Scripture and Music" led by Linda Freeman. Linda will explore the concept of "Being Thankful" in both scripture and hymns. Come with a favorite Bible verse or hymn that reflects on all that God provides for us.

Turning the Gem: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Do you like stories with heroes and villains? The biblical book of Esther has it all. It is fast-paced, humorous, romantic and violent. Pastor Diane will lead us through this book about the remarkable deliverance of the Jewish people because of one woman. If you like to prepare ahead, read chapter 4 of Esther.

The Wonder of Christmas: An Advent Study: This Advent rediscover the true wonder of Christmas. We will offer four classes per week for you to choose from to study the book "The Wonder of Christmas." Come to the Faith Formation Kiosk to sign up for a class and purchase a book for \$10. Classes begin this week!

Advent Devotionals: Today, look for our Advent Devotionals. People will be handing them out at the main doors, or you can pick one up at the Welcome Centers. We have plenty, so pick some up for friends.

The Mission Committee wishes to remind all members of VPC who are Arizona residents, that they can give to several of our Mission partners and receive a 100% reimbursement by claiming a credit on their Arizona tax return. Please see the latest Valley Voice for more details.

Blood Pressure Screening: Today in the Sweet Family Room after the worship service.

A Special Fellowship: Sign up today to bring Christmas Cookies for our Special Fellowship Christmas Cookie Tasting on December 3rd.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship
Barbara Dittmer, Sue Horton,
Chris Raymond
Information Center
Kathie Rusk
Medical Team
Doug Clark

Owl Express
Cara Bissell
Visitors Corner
Royce & Joyce Lambert
Welcome Centers
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:
Rick Olsen, Barb Case

Flowers given by: Janet Wagner
In loving memory of my husband, Donald,
and two sons, Stephen and Raymond

Concert Tickets: Individual tickets for "HarpFusion" (Friday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m.), are available today in Fellowship Hall after the service. Tickets are also available for Russell Ronnebaum (Friday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m.).

Casa Vida Nueva: Sponsor an Orphan Child for Christmas and Visit on December 9th! November is your opportunity to sponsor a child for Christmas. VPC helps 28 children and one newborn who needs your support and love, plus three adult couples who live at the home. See Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall today, the 26th, and December 3rd, and select the child you want to sponsor. Reed will have Christmas cards for each child you can sign as their "sponsor." PLUS: Sign up for the next trip to the home on December 9th to witness the children opening their Christmas gifts.



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, November 29th - Angels

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

✠ All those who are able, please stand.

9:30 A.M.

November 26, 2017

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord of Lords, illumine our hearts this day, that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which you have called us.
Amen.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Christopher

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

POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water. **P: Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE

The Lord's Prayer
Kristen Bond* - soloist

Albert H. Malotte

INTROIT

In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

2195

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
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✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight.
P: You, O God, are the Holy God always and forever!
 L: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.
P: You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.
 L: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.
P: O God, we are your children, created by and with your love.

✦HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come* 551
St. George's Windsor

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Lloyd

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

(a moment of silence)

Let us pray together:

P: **O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you. Forgive us.**

(a moment of silence)

Let us pray together:

P: **Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: God did not send Christ into a world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Sanctuary* 2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

ANTHEM *Rejoice, the Lord is King* arr. Don Neufeld
Sanctuary Choir; **congregation when invited**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice!
Again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice!
Again I say, rejoice!

**Choir and Congregation:
His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again I say,
rejoice! Lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!**

Choir only:
Rejoice! The Lord is King!

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.

YOUTH CHAT (September-May)

*Immediately following the message, youth in grades 1-6
will go to Classroom 3 for Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Marvin Clark

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Thanks for Nothing!" Rev. Christopher

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦HYMN *Give Thanks* 2036

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Ave Maria* Franz Schubert
Kristen Bond - soloist

✦DOXOLOGY 592
Old One 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.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦HYMN *Give Thanks, O Christian People* 552
Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Because He Lives*
**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because he lives.**

✦POSTLUDE *Fanfare - Trumpet Tune* Franklin Ashdown

~~OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!~~

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "Thanks for Nothing"

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

Thanksgiving and Prayer

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. The power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above the rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, that fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

1. Of all the gifts we receive from God listed in the passage above, which one touches you this day?
2. How can you apply it in your life this week?

Notes: _____
