

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.

**Youth Group** meets tonight at 4:00 p.m. in Classroom 3.

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

**It's Not Yo' Mama's Church Anymore!** Do you think VPC is the only church with declining enrollment? Mainline Protestant churches across the country are having the same problem. What's happening? The church is going through a "sea change" - a major change that affects how we will "be church" from now on. We will discuss those changes and talk about what we need to do at next the next "Forming Your Faith Adult Sunday School Class" this Sunday, October 15, Classroom 5. We meet fifteen minutes after the worship service.

**Mitzvah Day is Coming!** This year the "good deeds" day is scheduled for Friday, November 3. Your reward is a free T-shirt and the gratification of knowing you have helped others in our community! Go to the official website to volunteer and to get all the details! Visit [gvsmitzvahday.org](http://gvsmitzvahday.org) or email [gvsmitzvahday@gmail.com](mailto:gvsmitzvahday@gmail.com) for details.

**Turning the Gem:** Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Our topics have been pretty serious the past few weeks, so this week we are lightening up the mood. We will take a look at the women in Jesus' life. There are some surprises! For those who like to prepare ahead of time, read Luke 8:1-3 and John 8:1-11.

**Prayer Ministry:** The Prayer Ministry group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends and the needs of the world. We are looking for a few more prayer warriors to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Supper Clusters:** Sign up for Supper Clusters today in Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups will continue through November 26th. Don't miss out!

**Mission Quilts:** Meets tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Stephen Ministry Sunday:** Next Sunday, October 22nd, our Valley Presbyterian Stephen Ministers will participate in the service of worship. There will also be a table in Fellowship Hall for you to get more information about our Stephen Minister program. For more information, please refer to our October Valley Voice.

## Thank you to our volunteers!

### Coffee Fellowship

Bob & Hazel Kern  
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### Owl Express

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### Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

### La Posada Service of Worship

Rudy Sweisfurth, Sonya Larsen

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

John Pyburn, Vivian Sargent, Enid Waldron



The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this  
Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ

Jeanne Carroll-Hoffman October 11



**Women's Ministries:** Our Luncheon is this Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speakers are Bonnie Thompson & Kimberly Metcalf from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Their primary purpose is to describe the program they run to help each church develop its own Disaster Plan. We are opening this luncheon to anyone who is interested in learning more about developing our own plan. Make reservations for this catered luncheon (\$11) today in Fellowship Hall.

**Wheels Available?** As a driver, would you be willing to be on our "transportation list" to help our non-drivers get to church or to their local appointments? Please call (625-4219) or email Pat McFarland at ([patty.jem@gmail.com](mailto:patty.jem@gmail.com)) for more information and/or to be added to



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, October 18th - 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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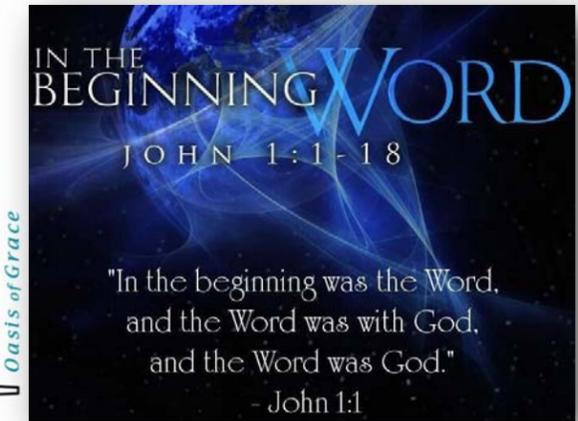
We are a Stephen Ministry Church



REV. MARK A. MEDINA, *Transitional Pastor*  
REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*  
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, please stand.

9:30 a.m.

October 15, 2017

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

St. Patrick Breastplate Prayer

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that  
sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Christopher

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

**MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY**

Carol Peeler

**POURING OF THE WATER**

L: *Jesus is the Living Water.*

P: **Praise be to God.**

**PRELUDE**

*Improvisation*

Spencer Miller\* - piano

Spencer Miller

**INTROIT**

*The First Song of Isaiah*

First Song 2030

**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold  
and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Based on Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 14

Rev. Medina

L: *God looks from heaven upon the children of earth to see whether there are any wise enough to seek the fellowship of God.*

P: **By faith, may Christ live within our hearts, that we may be rooted and grounded in love and filled with all the fullness of God.**

L: *When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, the people of faith shall rejoice, and the whole church be glad.*

P: **We bow down before the Father of Christ Jesus, from whom every family on earth is named.**

L: *To God be all the glory, in the church and in Christ Jesus.*

All: **Throughout all generations, forever and ever. Let us**

worship God.

✦HYMN *Lift High the Cross* Crucifer 371

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lectionary Liturgies

Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by your gentleness. Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet. We now bring our silent prayers of confession to you, O God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Come and Find the Quiet Center* (vs. 1) 2128

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

ANTHEM Praise the Name of Jesus Jack Hayford Sanctuary Choir

Praise the name of Jesus, praise the Son of God. Oh, glory, glory be to Christ our King. Jesus Christ, Son of God, Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Elder Don Brooks

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible p. 1820)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible p. 1645) Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Christ Centered" Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦HYMN Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me St. Catherine 366

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY Nocturne in E-flat Major F. Chopin Spencer Miller - piano

✦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 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Solid Rock 379

✦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 Fanfare Postlude John Boalt

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

\*Spencer Miller is a doctorate candidate in piano performance at the Fred Fox School of Music, located at the University of Arizona. He currently studies under the guidance of Dr. John Milbauer. Thank you, Spencer, for sharing your gifts of music with us this morning!

Congregational Meeting: is today after worship, for the purpose of nominating and electing Ruling Elders and Deacons as well as approve changes to the By-laws. Copies of the By-laws are available at the Welcome Centers.

Reception Next Sunday, October 22nd: There will be a welcome reception next Sunday for Rev. Dr. Linda Lloyd following our worship service.

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "Christ Centered"

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

John 1:1-18 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.