

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. New Member classes begin October 3rd. Contact Pastor Diane to register. (625-5023)

*Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 - 1924) was an Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor. He was a professor of music at Cambridge, and some of his successful pupils included Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Stanford is mostly remembered for his choral works, which were written in the Anglican tradition, but he also wrote a fair number of pieces for the organ. This morning's postlude is a representation of his shorter organ works and comes from his collection of short preludes and postludes.

Music in the Valley: You may purchase tickets (\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door) for the first two performances of the *Music in the Valley* concert series today in Fellowship Hall after worship. The first performance will be sisters Melissa and Rachael Radtke, two very talented pianists at the University of Arizona. They will perform a program of well-known classics, as well as some exciting music for four-hand piano! The second performance will be The Redruth String Quartet, made up of graduate students at the University.

Rev. Mark Medina is **NOT** holding office hours this week at the Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club.

Children's Sunday School Begins Today! Children begin their morning in worship. After the Youth Chat, children grades 1-6 go to classroom 3 for a lesson by one of our wonderful teachers. (There is no Children's Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month.)

God is Doing a New Thing at Valley: Youth Group! All kids in middle school and high school are invited to our first ever youth group. It begins today at 4 p.m. in Classroom 3, and will meet on a weekly basis.

Don't Let Falls Get You Down, Stay Vertical! Fall Prevention Day at Valley Presbyterian Church. Join us on Friday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for an interactive day of local providers providing the latest information on healthcare, hearing specialists, vision screenings, and other health and balance screenings. A range of different exercises will be available to try. You'll even receive a light lunch from our own Valley Galley chefs. Join us and learn about ways to Stay Vertical!

Turning the Gem: Mondays, 1:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center beginning tomorrow, September 11th. Join Pastor Diane as she explores the riches and depths of the Bible.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Barbara Dittmer, Marvin Clark,
Bob & Hazel Kern

Information Center

Pat Bruner, Carol Wilhems

Owl Express

Charlie Ashton

Medical Team

Marvin Clark

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Phil Conklin, Bob Szabo

Women's Ministries: Our opening Grand Gathering will be on Tuesday, Sept 19th at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Diane Christopher will be our speaker, introducing us to our new study, *Cloud of Witness*, and leading us in the first chapter study. The 2017-18 Yearbook and Kitchen Calendar, and the *Cloud of Witness* Bible study books will be available at the Women's Ministries Table in Charter Hall today. Bible study books are \$11 and the large print are \$16. You may also make reservations for the luncheon (\$11). Reservations are required as this is a catered event.

Calling All Cooks! Please submit your favorite recipes for our 40th anniversary cookbook. Instruction sheets are available at the Welcome Centers. All recipes must be submitted by Friday, September 15th.

Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) NEWS FLASH! By request of the Phantom, the date for the PCM Gaslight fundraiser "*Phantom of the Opera or A Pain in the Mask*," is Sunday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 (\$13 is tax deductible) and will be available for sale September 17th, 24th, and October 6th in Fellowship Hall.



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, September 13th—AWAKEN!
An uplifting worship service with a focus on God's Word;



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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. September 10, 2017

PRAYER OF PREPARATION Faith and Life
Lord God, you call your people to tasks we would not ourselves choose. Give us the grace to love you enough to follow when you call. You know our weakness and have promised to give resources for that which you ask of us. We praise you for your generous care. Amen.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Christopher
Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY 40th Anniversary Cookbook

POURING OF THE WATER
L: *Jesus is the Living Water.* P: **Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE *Simple Gifts* arr. Bill Holcombe
Betty Clapp - flute

INTROIT *Holy Ground* Holy Ground **2272**

**We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Inspired by John 1:38-39, John 1:46 Rev. Medina

L: *Come and see, come and see!*
P: **We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.**
L: *Come and see, come and see!*
P: **We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.**
L: *Come and see, come and see!*
P: **We come to follow Jesus.**
L: *Come and see, come and see!*
P: **We come to deepen our relationship with God.**
L: *Come and see, come and see!*
All: **Yes, Lord, we come to follow you! Let us worship the God who calls us.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Inspired by 1 Samuel 3:1-20, John 1:43-51

Holy One, you have called us by name. You will not let us lounge in bed. You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember your gracious presence. You will not let us hide under the tree. You summon us from the shade to be changed and transformed into agents of love. You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth. You unearth our fears and speak them aloud in our hearts and minds. Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak. Reveal the words we need most. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Hear us now, O God, as we bring our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Softly and Tenderly* Thompson

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home, ye who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

ANTHEM *The First Song of Isaiah* Jack White
Sanctuary Choir; Ron Bell - soloist

Refrain:
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.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his name.
(refrain)

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.
(refrain)

Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
(refrain)

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Elder Linda Freeman

Romans 8:28-39 *(Pew Bible p. 1757)*
Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:35-51 *(Pew Bible p. 1647)*
Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"Called by God"* Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Bradbury 387

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *My Heart Ever Faithful* J.S. Bach
Betty Clapp - flute

✦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 *We Are Called* We Are Called 2172

✦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 an Irish Melody* C.V. Stanford*

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Ruling Elder Sunday is next Sunday, September 17th! Ruling Elder Marie Valade will be preaching and other Elders will be assisting.

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: *"Called by God"*

Romans 8:28-39 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 1:35-51 (NIV)

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Phillip, he said to him, “Follow me.” Phillip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Phillip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Phillip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false.” “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Phillip called you.” Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.” Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that.” He then added, “I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”