

UNPRECEDENTED TIMES



February 4, 2024
5th Sunday After Epiphany
Communion

PRELUDE

To Be God's People

Arr. H. Colvin

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TRINITY RINGING, CHOIR PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT

Seek Ye First

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and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Craig Lindsey

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not grow faint.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Let All Things Now Living

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CALL TO PRAYER

In the words of Paul to the Romans: “I appeal to you sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.” Lord of compassion, transform the poverty of our human nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You confound the world’s wisdom in opening your kingdom to all, especially the lowly and the pure in heart. Grant us a hunger and thirst for justice, perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and actions the world might witness the promise of your kingdom. Through your grace in our forgiveness and redemptions, You reveal the great distance between your wisdom and our understanding. Open our minds to the simplicity of your Word, that fervent in faith and tireless in love, we may become salt and light to the world. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the way of the Lord. Happy are those who keep the Lord's decrees, who seek the Lord with their whole heart. For Moses gave 10 Commandments, to which Jesus gave an 11th, That we should love one another as we have been loved by God.

✠ **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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

T.A. Dorsey/Arr. J. Schrader

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 11: 13-17

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will shut up the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you.

Job 38: 1-7

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

“Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?

Brace yourself like a man;

I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

“Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

On what were its footings set,

or who laid its cornerstone—

while the morning stars sang together

and all the angels shouted for joy?

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON “LIVING IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES”

Joel M. Hoffman, PhD

✠ **HYMN** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken*

Arr. P. Mickelson

****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**

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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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold your elements so all may receive together)

⌄ **HYMN**

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

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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**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Luther/Bish

⌄ **All those who are able, please stand**

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Sandy Heintz,
In Memory of Orpha O'dell Backues.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB:

Bruce Nylund.

YOTO MISSION BREAKFAST—Saturday, February 10th at 8:30 a.m.

Tickets on Sale Today!

MUSIC IN THE VALLEY PRESENTS – Our Chancel Choir featuring Professor Darnell T. Roulhac. Saturday, February 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the church office. \$20.00.

SHROVE TUESDAY, PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Tuesday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m. sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY—February 14th, Drive-Thru ashes by the fountain 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE—Tuesday, February 14, at 4:30 p.m. with Communion.

TOUR YOUTH ON THEIR OWN AND BEN'S BELLS—Thursday, February 15th. Sign up today.

EMPTY BOWLS—Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. to benefit Valley Assistance Services. Tickets are \$25.00 and now available at Green Valley-Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, Nancy Pantz, Posada Java, VPC and Valley Assistance Services.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON PATIO SALE FASHION SHOW – Tuesday, February 20, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are on sale Sundays, February 8, 11 and 18 for \$15.00.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
Dec. 2023		Through Week 4 (1/28/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 80,253	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	330
Monthly Giving Budget	64,319	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	1,309
YTD Giving Support	768,813	Weekly Viewing On-Line	130
YTD Giving Budget	778,338	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	515
S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2024 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

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.

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