

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matha Van Vactor

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your will. Keep our feet firmly in the way Christ leads us; making our mouths to speak the truth, filling our lives with the experience that is Christ within us.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

God of the Sparrow

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CALL TO PRAYER

Jesus spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach those who bear the name of Christ to follow the example he gave us. May your grace, our faith, hope and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD of mercy, you sent the Messiah to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, great when we are small. We have failed in love, ignoring your truth, neglecting compassion for others. Have mercy upon us O God and forgive our sins. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. (Silent Prayer)
Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness, tempted as we are, but he did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to the Holy Spirit, that we may know our weaknesses, and may know Christ's power to save. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ **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

I Am No Longer My Own

M. McDonald

I am no longer my own,
I am no longer my own, but yours!
Put me to what you will, thank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for you, laid aside for you,
be exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely yield all things.

And now glorious, blessed God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit,
You are mine and I am yours. So be it!
Amen!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

CHORAL AMEN

CHILDREN TIME

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9: 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "GOD IS ON THE LOOSE"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Gott/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: Eloise Fredrickson,
honoring all who volunteer at VPC.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB:
Carol Cikanek, Carol Claton and Sara Hennigar.

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

PATIO SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Cashiers and Trucking team
need volunteers for the Patio Sale on Thursday, March 14, Friday,
March 15 and March 16.

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY 19TH :

- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercise – Charter Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Reflections Bible study – Classroom 5
- 1:00 p.m. Women's Luncheon Prep – Kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Ruth Circle – Classroom 5

TUESDAY 20TH:

- 9:00 a.m. Cardio Drumming – Charter Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Ministry – Sweet Family Room
- 10:00 a.m. YOGA with Josie – Charter Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
- 2:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal – Sweet Family Room

WEDNESDAY 21ST:

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Classroom 1
- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercises – Charter Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Chair Exercise – Charter Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Cashier Meeting – Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Worship Committee – Classroom 3
- 1:00 p.m. Music Committee – Sweet Family Room
- 1:15 p.m. Presby Nom Meeting – Classroom 5
- 2:00 p.m. Valley Ringers Rehearsal – Sweet Family Room
- 3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. True Concord Rehearsal – Sanctuary

THURSDAY 22ND:

- 8:30 a.m. Session Meeting – Classroom 5
- 9:30 a.m. Patio Sale Department Head Meeting - Spiritual Life Center
- 1:00 p.m. The Book- Bible Study – Classroom 5
- 1:00 p.m. Planning Commission – Classroom 1
- 2:00 p.m. Line Dance Lessons – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 23RD:

- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson’s Chair Exercises – Charter Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting - Classroom 5
- 12:00 p.m. True Concord Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. True Concord Concert – Sanctuary

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
January-2024		Through Week 6 (2/11/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 85,651	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	331
Monthly Giving Budget	86,250	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	1,974
YTD Giving Support	85,651	Weekly Viewing On-Line	126
YTD Giving Budget	86,250	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	844
<i>S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2024 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			

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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