

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *Lord, The Light of Your Love Is Shining* 192

CALL TO PRAYER

GOD did not send GOD's son into the world to condemn the world, but to call the world through him.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love and mercy, welcoming all who return to you with penitent hearts. Receiving in your loving embrace all who come home to you. May we be seated at your bountiful table of grace, that with all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart, we pray through Christ our Savior. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Whoever believes in GOD is not condemned. Whoever does not believe condemns themselves, because they have not trusted to believe. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** 581

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 *God So Loved the World* J. Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that who so believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world.

CHILDREN TIME

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21: 4-9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

John 3: 1-16

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the

snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON: “MOSES, AESCULAPIUS & CADUCEUS”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s 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, died, 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.

⌄ **HYMN** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* 213

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross with Air* by Bach
Arr. L. McKechnie

****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** 606

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.

✠ **HYMN** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* 221

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** *Christians We Have Met to Worship* Hayes/Wagner

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

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Gayle Tompkins, in honor of my husband Dave and all the Patio Sale volunteers, especially the truckers he worked with.

THIS SUNDAY IS CROSSROADS MISSION SUNDAY. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ON THE CART IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

PATIO SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Trucking team needs volunteers for the Patio Sale on Thursday, March 14, Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16. Please contact Carmen Nylund if you are available to help. (425) 387-7568.

THIS WEEK:

THIS WEEK THE BUILDING IS DEDICATED TO THE PATIO SALE, SO THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS. THE EXCEPTION IS:

WEDNESDAY 14:

2:00 P.M. Valley Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
February-2024		Through Week 9 (3/3/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 72,856	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	375
Monthly Giving Budget	56,690	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	2,991
YTD Giving Support	158,507	Weekly Viewing On-Line	127
YTD Giving Budget	142,940	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	1,207

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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