



March 17, 2024
5th Sunday following the 26th day of Lent

PRELUDE

The Power of the Cross
Valley Ringers

Arr: P. Bettcher

Pouring Out of Waters, Passong the Peace of Christ Pastor Craig

TRINITY RINGING, CHORAL PROCESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Norman

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly Call of GOD in Christ Jesus.



OPENING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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CALL TO PRAYER

Almighty GOD our Redeemer, in times of weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness, reconciliation and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeemer of all who willingly trust in you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the temptations of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love through Jesus Christ. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the LORD, and where I am, there will my servant be also. 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.



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

ANTHEM

If You Love Me Robert Marshal, Cello J. Raney

My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you, And I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me keep my commands.
Though I may leave you, I will return,
I'll go prepare for you a place beside me.
And if you love me keep my commands.

Because I live, you too, shall live.

I bring you peace that the world cannot give.

If you love me.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel



and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God. and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

John 12: 20-34

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.



Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "SIR, WE WOULD SEE JESUS"



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

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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

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus

Arr. M. Glasgow

Valley Ringers, Robert Marshal, Cello

*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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

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	For the Beauty of the Earth	Arr. G. Breeze			
† All those who are able, please stand					

All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Sally Smith, in memory of her husband.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB: George Smith.

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY MARCH 18

8:00 a.m.	Lynch Roofing
9:00 a.m.	Parkinson's Chair Exercise
9:30 a.m.	Gifts and Memorial
9:30 a.m.	Mission Quilters
1:00 p.m.	Bible Reflections Bible Study
1:15 p.m.	GVCC Rehearsal
3:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle

TUESDAY MARCH 19

8:00 a.m.	Lynch Roofing
8:45 a.m.	Mission Committee
9:00 a.m.	Cardio Drumming
9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation
9:30 a.m.	Prayer Ministry
10:00 a.m.	YOGA with Josie
11:30 a.m.	Women's Ministry Luncheon
2:30 p.m.	Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal



WEDNESDAY MARCH 20

8:00 a.m. Lynch Roofing

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercise

10:00 a.m. Chair Exercise

12:30 p.m. Worship Committee

1:00 p.m. YOTO Card Making

2:00 p.m. Valley Ringers Rehearsal

3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY MARCH 21

8:00 a.m. Lynch Roofing

8:30 a.m. Session Meeting

1:00 p.m. The Book: Bible Study

2:00 p.m. Line Dance Class Early Session

3:00 p.m. Line Dance Class

FRIDAY MARCH 22

8:00 a.m. Lynch Roofing

9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercise

9:00 a.m. Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and

Dementia

9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

11:30 a.m. Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

1:15 p.m. GVCC Rehearsal

SATURDAY MARCH 23

8:00 a.m. Lynch Roofing

8:30 a.m. Mission Breakfast

2:00 p.m. Music In the Valley Concert



VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics						
Monthly Giving Suppor	t Contributions	Weekly Attendance / Viewing				
February-20	24	Through Week 10 (3/10/24)				
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 72,856	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	345			
Monthly Giving Budget	56,690	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	3,336			
YTD Giving Support	158,507	Weekly Viewing On-Line	72			
YTD Giving Budget	142,940	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	1,279			
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.

<u>Visitors</u>: 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 <u>valleypres.net</u> 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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We are a Stephen Ministry Church

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