



**March 19, 2023**  
**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**PRELUDE**

*Dona Nobis Pacem* Traditional  
Joyful Spirit Ensemble, & Kurt Hargleroad, Tenor

**POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**RINGING THE BOWL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Diane

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not of our own doing; it is a Gift from God.

☩ **OPENING HYMN**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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### **CALL TO PRAYER**

Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us to hear your word and obey, that we might become instruments of your saving love. In order that the children of earth might discern good from evil, you sent your son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness. Christ Jesus makes all things new! Transform the poverty of our nature by your grace, that we might serve as something “Other” for our neighbors to witness as the renewal of life made known through your glory. (silent prayer) Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never stumble in darkness but will have the light of life.” 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**

*Agnus Dei* (From “Requiem”)

M. Hayes

Soloists: Ron Bell, Bill Entwistle, Maureen Ramsay

Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
Grant them rest.

Agnus Dei.  
Rest everlasting, grant them rest.  
Everlasting rest.

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.**

#### **CHORAL AMEN**

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

John 9: 1-9

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."  
But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "The Wrong Cause & Effect"

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The 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.

☩ **HYMN** *Ah, Holy Jesus* 218

## CALL FOR OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**      *What Can I Bring Before My God?*      Folk Melody/  
Joyful Spirit Ensemble Soloist, Linda Freeman  
Lyrics, Linda Freeman, Micah 6: 6-8

*\*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 front of you and place it in the offertory. Our Pastors and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your request. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ **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**      *Go to Dark Gethsemane* 220

## ✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**      *The First Song of Isaiah*  
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,  
and He will be my Savior.

✦ **POSTLUDE**

*Chorale Prelude: Agnus Dei*

D. Bustehude

✦ **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:** Ted & Gee-Gee Smith, in memory of Calvin Smith and William Hudson.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:**

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** - are available at the welcome center and in the office.

**THIS WEEK:**

**MISSION QUILTERS WITH A POTLUCK**— Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.— 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested or having questions call Patti Bright 520-305-3275.

**BIBLE REFLECTIONS**— Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. This week: Exodus 19. In person and zoom available.

**RUTH CIRCLE, WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**— Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. in classroom 5.

**YOGA WITH JOSIE**— Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall. \$5.00. Bring your own mat.

**JESUS' LAST DAYS**—Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. in classroom 5. Bud Landry is the teacher.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON** - March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m., featuring the Animal League of Green Valley. Please register so we have an accurate count. This is a potluck luncheon featuring your favorite family recipe, or a dish that you tasted on an exotic vacation.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**-Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in classroom 1.

**YOTO CARD MAKING**—Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and help decorate cards with inspirational quotes for YOTO. Come when you want, and you don't have to stay the whole time.

**LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE**—Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., followed by Lenten Soup and Bread at 5:30 p.m.

**SEVEN WORDS – LISTENING TO CHRIST FROM THE CROSS.** Thursdays, during Lent at 10:00 a.m. in classroom 1. It is actually the seven last utterances of Jesus as he hung on the cross. Your teacher, Marie Valade.

**CREATIVE HANDS:** Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in classroom 1.

**THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD:** Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. in classroom 5. This week: Jeremiah. These classes are recorded and can be viewed on the church's website: [www.valleypresbyterian.net](http://www.valleypresbyterian.net).

**BEGINNING LINE DANCE,** Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. In Fellowship Hall.

**MISSION BREAKFAST**—Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Featured speaker—Alejandra Martinez, Director of Crossroads Mission. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale this week.

**ORGAN DEDICATION & CHOIR CONCERT**—March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. with Organist Wes Moulton, Director of Music Jamie Reed, VPC Choir and Pam Coggins, Oboist. A reception will follow the concert.

**HOLY WEEK** — Come and celebrate Holy Week with us. Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. Worship with Communion. Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. worship service.

**EASTER WORSHIP APRIL 9**— Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast served afterwards. Easter Worship at 9:30 a.m. Live stream is available at Valleypresbyterian.net.

**REV. MARK HORTON MEMORIAL SERVICE**—Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**DAVE TOMPKINS MEMORIAL SERVICE**—Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

| VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics                                                        |           |                                 |       |
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| Monthly Giving Support Contributions                                                                        |           | Weekly Attendance / Viewing     |       |
| February-2023                                                                                               |           | Through Week 11 (03/12/2023)    |       |
| Monthly Giving Support                                                                                      | \$ 59,825 | Weekly Attendance Sanctuary     | 375   |
| Monthly Giving Budget                                                                                       | 91,185    | * YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary | 3,821 |
| *YTD Giving Support                                                                                         | 150,428   | ** Weekly Viewing On-Line       | 154   |
| *YTD Giving Budget                                                                                          | 196,940   | ** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line     | 1,757 |
|                                                                                                             |           | * YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line | 5,578 |
|                                                                                                             |           | * YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary | 2,988 |
| * YTD = Year to Date      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service                            |           |                                 |       |
| S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879    2023 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](http://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.

We are glad you have joined us today.

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|                                                                                         |  | <p>REV. DR. CRAIG LINDSEY, <i>Head of Staff</i><br/>REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER,<br/><i>Associate Pastor of Discipleship</i></p>                                                           |
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