



**March 26, 2023**  
**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**PRELUDE**

*Our Offering*  
Valley Ringers

J.N. Beck/  
Arr. J.H. Muschick

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

**RINGING THE BOWL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Diane

I am the resurrection and the life, says the LORD; Everyone who lives  
and believes in me will never die.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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**CALL TO PRAYER**

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

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty GOD, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of forgiveness and love. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus said: “Whoever serves me, must follow me, and where I am, there will my servants be also.” 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**      *God Wouldn't Bring You This Far to Leave You*

T. Trenney

God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.  
God wouldn't bring you this far to let you go.  
God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.  
No height nor depth nor anything else can separate us  
From the love that God will show.

My God delivered Daniel from the lion's den  
And Jonah from the belly of a whale!  
God led the Hebrew people to their freedom in the end.  
God's love for us will never ever fail!

God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.

Young David slayed Goliath. Miriam walked across the sea.  
The walls of Jericho came tumblin' down.  
Queen Esther saved her people. Paul and Silas were set free.  
Take up your cross! One day you'll wear a crown!

God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.  
God will never ever let go!

**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 11: 1-6

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

"LORD, THERE WILL BE A STINK"

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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, 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**

*When Jesus Wept*

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**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger* Arr. T. Waldrop  
Valley Ringers

*\*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**

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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.

⌄ **HYMN**

*Were You There*

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⌄ **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**    *Passion Choral*    D. Woods

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

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**All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.**

[www.valleypres.net](http://www.valleypres.net)

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY:** Larry Craft, in loving memory of Patricia Craft.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:**  
Lesley Bruce, Wally Mullaly, Les Walter.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** – Available at the welcome center and in the office.

**THIS WEEK:**

**ORGAN DEDICATION RECITAL** —This afternoon at 2:00 p.m. With Organist Wes Moulton, Director of Music Jamie Reed, VPC Choir and Pam Coggins, Oboist. A reception will follow.

**BIBLE REFLECTIONS**— Monday, March 27th, at 1:00 p.m. This week: Exodus 21. In person and zoom available.

**VALLEY READERS**—Monday, March 27th, at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1.

**PRAYER MINISTRY**—Tuesday, March 28th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

**CARDIO DRUMMING WITH CHRIS ERICKSON**— Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Overflow.

**YOGA WITH JOSIE**— Tuesday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall. \$5.00. Bring your own mat. This is the last class until September.

**JESUS' LAST DAYS**—Tuesday, March 28th, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5. Bud Landry is the teacher.

**JOYFUL SPIRIT ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL**—Tuesday, March 28th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesday, March 29th, at 9:00 a.m. in classroom 1.

**LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE**—Wednesday, March 29th 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.

**ALS PRESENTATION**—Thursday, March 30th at 11:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Focus will be on ALS Care. A light lunch will follow the program.

**THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD:** Thursday, March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5. This week: Lamentations. 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 30th, at 3:00 p.m. In Fellowship Hall. This is the last class of the season.

**COMING EVENTS:**

**HOLY WEEK** — Come and celebrate Holy Week with us.

- \* **Palm Sunday,** April 2 at 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion.
- \* **Maundy Thursday,** April 6th at 4:00 p.m. Worship with communion.
- \* **Good Friday,** April 7th 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. with Communion. Live stream is available at [Valleyprebyterian.net](http://Valleyprebyterian.net).

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
February-2023		Through Week 12 (03/19/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 59,825	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	339
Monthly Giving Budget	91,185	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	4,160
*YTD Giving Support	150,428	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	188
*YTD Giving Budget	196,940	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	1,945
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	6,105
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	3,296
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - <a href="mailto:steveginader@gmail.com">steveginader@gmail.com</a> - 952-687-1879    2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p>			



**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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