



**CALL TO PRAYER**

Bob Lillie

Almighty God, you are always in the process of blessing us - giving us good gifts, strengthening our faith, meeting our needs, and giving us new life. We rejoice in your love for us, and we want to learn to love as you do.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear God, forgive us when we see a neighbor in need and yet we cross to the other side of the road and do not stop to help. Forgive us when we are filled with so much pride and independence we do not ask for help. Forgive us when we fail to see you as our true and loving “curegiver.”** (Silent Prayer)  
Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Anyone who loves their brother or sister lives in the light and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. 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**

*At His Name*

J. Raney

At his name the mighty oceans roar.  
At his name the wind stands still.  
At his name the eagle takes the sky.  
At his name the mighty nations cry.  
At his name a newborn baby breathes.

At his name a flower grows.  
At his name the rushing river yield.  
At his name a broken heart is healed.

Chorus:

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him the King of glory now.  
Every voice lift him up! His power and majesty proclaim,  
Every knee shall bow down at his name.

At his name the mountains stand in awe.  
At his name the seasons change.  
At his name the sunlight floods the sky.  
At his name the storm clouds hurry by.  
At his name our guilt is washed away.  
At his name our spirit's freed.  
At his name the gates of heaven open wide.  
At his name he welcomes us inside.

Chorus

At the name of Jesus. His precious, holy name.

**CHILDREN TIME**

Linda Piotrowski

**SCRIPTURE**

**OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**

Karen Woodrow

Psalm 62:5-7

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Jeremiah 29:11-12; 31:17a

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” I will restore you to health and heal your wounds.

Lamentations 21:21-26; 31-32

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READINGS**

Deb Jones

Romans 8:24-27

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

### Colossians 1:4-5

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints - the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel.

### Hebrews 6:17-19a

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul firm and secure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God**

### CHORAL AMEN

**SERMON:** "HOPE AS AN ANCHOR FIRM AND SECURE"  
Jana Honermann and Linda Piotrowski

### What Stephen Ministry Means to Me

Linda Norman and Bill Woodrow

### STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

Pastor Craig and Jana Honermann

⊕ **HYMN**                      *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*                      519

### CALL FOR OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**

*Here I Am, Lord*

Arr. L. Larson

Maureen Ramsay, Peggi Briggs - Duet

***\*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**

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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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

The Invitation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold your elements so all may receive together)

✠ HYMN

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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**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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Bish

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

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**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY:** Jean Hein, in memory of Marvin Hein.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB:**

James Van Valen

**THIS SUNDAY IS FOODBANK SUNDAY, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR  
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ON THE CART IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Today is Noisy Offering—Let's Make Some Noise!**

**THIS WEEK:**

**MONDAY 8:**

- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercise – Charter Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Patio Sale Coordinating Team—Sweet Family Room
- 9:30 a.m. Valley Fiber Arts Guild
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Reflections Bible Study, – Classroom 5

**TUESDAY 9:**

- 8:45 a.m. Mission Committee—Classroom 1
- 9:00 a.m. Cardio Drumming – Charter Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Committee—Classroom 5
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Ministry— Sweet Family Room
- 10:00 a.m. YOGA with Josie—Charter Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Creation/Chaos Class—Classroom 5
- 2:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal – Sweet Family Room

**WEDNESDAY 10:**

- 9:00 a.m. Deacon Meeting—Classroom 5
- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercises – Charter Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 1
- 10:00 a.m. Chair Exercise Class—Charter Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Miriam Circle Meeting—Classroom 1
- 2:00 p.m. Valley Ringers Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary



**THURSDAY 11:**

8:00 a.m. Patio Sale Sort—CANCELLED

10:00 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting—Sweet Family Room

2:00 p.m. Line Dance Early Session—Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Line Dancing—Fellowship Hall

**FRIDAY 12**

9:00 a.m. Parkinson’s Chair Exercise—Charter Hall

1:00 p.m. Memorial for Roy Romstad—Spiritual Life Center

**SATURDAY 13**

9:00 a.m. AGOrganists—Sanctuary

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
March-2024		Through Week 13 (03/31/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 78,298	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	598
Monthly Giving Budget	62,410	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	4,699
YTD Giving Support	236,805	Weekly Viewing On-Line	356
YTD Giving Budget	205,350	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	1,919
<i>Attendance includes Easter Sundrise and Sunday Morning Worship</i>			
<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](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.



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