



EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Mike Finkelstein, Trumpet

Handel

INTROIT

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place”

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

L: This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! He Is Risen!

P: He is risen, indeed!

L: Sisters and brothers at dawn of this first day, Almighty GOD resurrected our Savior from death to life, raising Jesus from the grave and opening to us eternal life!

P: Jesus, by your resurrection, you proclaimed good news to the women, to the apostles, to the world, as pioneer and perfecter of salvation.

✠ HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

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CALL TO PRAYER

No longer do we list Jesus among the dead, for he is alive, having become the LORD of Life. From the chaotic waters of death, GOD raised us with him, renewing GOD's gift of creation within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, helping us to grow toward the fullness of eternal life.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty GOD, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the powers of sin and death forever! We confess that we continue to be captive to doubt and to fear, bound by the habits that lead to death. We overlook the needs of the poor and the hungry; we pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, indifferent to calls for peace; we despise weakness and abuse the Earth you formed for our good. GOD of mercy, we pray you would forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joys of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ our Resurrected LORD. (Silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy, holy, holy LORD! God of power and might, revealed to us in simplicity and silence, heaven and earth are full of your glory! ALLELUIA! 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

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “BE NOT AFRAID, But TELL OTHERS”

✠ **HYMN** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks 240

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Praise His Holy Name* *K. Hampton*
Kurt Hargleroad, Soloist

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee!

Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee!
Shout hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

*** 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.*

⌘ **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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Serving of One Another
(Please hold your elements until all may receive together)

✦ **HYMN** *The Strife Is O'er* 236

✦ **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** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* with Luther/Widor
Tocatta from Symphony No. 9 Arr. J. Raney

✦ **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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THE LILIES ON THE CHANCEL ARE In Honor or Memory of family and friends
and purchased by our church family. Please see the insert in today's
bulletin.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

Kay Davison.

THIS WEEK:

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF —Monday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in
Classroom 5, and Thursday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 5.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Monday, April 10, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. This week—Exodus 27. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

MISSION COMMITTEE—Tuesday, April 11 in Classroom 1.

SNACK SACK FOR HOMELESS— Tuesday, April 11, 10:45 a.m. in Classroom 1.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1.

MIRIAM CIRCLE—Wednesday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 1.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: Thursday, April 13th at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. We will be studying Ezekiel. Previous weeks are available on our website Valleypres.net

REV. MARK HORTON MEMORIAL—Friday April 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

DAVE TOMPKINS MEMORIAL—Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

MUSIC IN THE VALLEY PRESENTS: SONS OF ORPHEUS an all male Chorus—April 15 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available in the church office.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON—Tuesday, April 18th at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Chris Erickson, who is the Executive Director of Valley Assistance Services. Lunch will be \$11, and tickets are on sale today.

FILM: PEACE IS IN SIGHT— A MOVIE ABOUT SOUTH SUDAN. April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. This is a free movie, and popcorn will be provided.

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 - steveginader@gmail.com - 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 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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