



April 14, 2024
3rd Easter Sunday

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* Arr. M. Ryan
Valley Ringers

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Pastor Craig

TRINITY RINGING, CHORAL PROCESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP Rudy Sweisfurth
L: Call on the name of the LORD giving glory and praise; make
known GOD's deeds among the Nations!

P: Sing to GOD with joyful songs; tell of GOD's wonderful deeds!

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!

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CALL TO PRAYER

While disciples talked among themselves, Jesus stood among them, saying, “Peace be with you.”

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living GOD, to whom no door is closed, no heart is locked; draw us beyond our fears, that we may see and touch Christ’s wounds where they bleed in humanity. Risen Christ whose absence leaves us paralyzed, and whose presence is overwhelming; breathe on us with the spirit of abundant life, that where we cannot see we may believe, that like the sun following the eclipse your light will illumine all that had been dark in our world. Strength of those who believe, hope of those who doubt, may we who have not seen have faith to receive the fullness of Christ’s blessings. (Silent Prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over 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

To Sing Once More

C. Courtney

Soloists: Sue Stuempfig, Linda Freeman, Jeff McCune, Ken Frahm

Awake our souls to sing once more the songs that long have silent been.

From troubled nights and fearful days, our notes of praise and joy begin.

Inspired by hope, compelled by grace, we sing Your everlasting praise.

Most holy God, Your song we seek and trust in Your unchanging ways.

With comfort, Your eternal voice is music to our fainting soul. It speaks in times of hurt and wrong, it whispers peace, it makes us whole.

Arise, His children, rise again, your God and maker now adore. No longer silent, lift your voice, awake you to sing to sing one more.

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'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6: 1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

He said, “Go and tell this people:

“‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’
Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull
and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “For how long, Lord?”

And he answered:

“Until the cities lie ruined
and without inhabitant,
until the houses are left deserted
and the fields ruined and ravaged,
until the LORD has sent everyone far away
and the land is utterly forsaken.

And though a tenth remains in the land,
it will again be laid waste.

But as the terebinth and oak
leave stumps when they are cut down,
so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.”

Luke 24: 36-45

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood
among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He
said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in
your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch
me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I
have.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And
while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement,
he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave

him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “SEEING A DIFFERENT REALITY”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s 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, 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** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 12

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Just As I Am* Arr. S. Eithum
Ellen Entwistle – Flute, 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 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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* 14

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 *Psalm XIX* *Marcello*****

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

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Bruce and Carmen Nylund,
in Celebration of their 62nd Anniversary.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB:
Liz Haynes.

**THIS SUNDAY IS CROSSROADS SUNDAY. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR
DONATED ITEMS ON THE CART IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, APRIL 15

- 9:00AM** Parkinson's Chair Exercise – Chater Hall
- 9:30AM** Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- 1:00PM** Bible Reflections, Bible Study – Classroom 1
- 3:00PM** Ruth Circle

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 9:00AM** Cardio Drumming – Fellowship Hall
- 9:30AM** Prayer Ministry – Sweet Family Room
- 10:00AM** Yoga with Josie – Chater Hall
- 11:00AM** Creation/Chaos Class – Classroom 5
- 11:30AM** Women's Gathering Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
- 2:30PM** Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal – Sweet Family Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 9:00AM** Men’s Bible Study – Classroom 1
- 9:00AM** Parkinson's Chair Exercise – Charter Hall
- 10:00AM** Chair Exercise with Mia Cooper – Charter Hall
- 2:00PM** Valley Ringers Rehearsal – Sweet Family Room
- 3:00PM** Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 3:00PM** Line Dance Review – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- 9:00AM** Parkinson’s Chair Exercise – Chater Halll
- 12:00PM** Presbytery De Cristo Meeting Set-up – Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00AM** Hosting Presbytery De Cristo – Sanctuary

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
March-2024		Through Week 14 (04/07/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 77,001	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	311
Monthly Giving Budget	62,410	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	5,010
YTD Giving Support	235,508	Weekly Viewing On-Line	112
YTD Giving Budget	205,350	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	2,031
<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 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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