



# Believe

Do Not Be Afraid

**SECOND EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 16, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

*Ukrainian Alleluia*

C. Courtney

**INTROIT**     *Surely the Presence of the LORD is in This Place*

Surely the presence of the Lord in this place,

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord in this place.

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

**RINGING THE BOWL**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming: Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever.

## ✠ OPENING HYMN

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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## CALL TO PRAYER

Living God, to whom no door is closed and no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, that we might see your Christ, feeling wounds in his hands, feet and side which bled for others sins.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of Life, by your resurrection of your Son, the old order of sin and death was overcome, making all things new. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to a life of righteousness. Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not extinguish and the tomb could not imprison, as you shared our human frailty, help us to know your immortality of spirit. Let no shadow of the grave or fear of life terrify us. Reveal yourself this day, and each of our days to someone in our midst, as the first and the last, the living one.**

(silent prayer) Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's love is everlasting. 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**

*Day By Day*

V.C. Johnson

Day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

**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 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you! After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive

the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven".

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "BE NOT AFRAID, ACT ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE"

**STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING:**

Kathryn Duncan, Deb Jones & Debbie VanHyfte

**STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER:** Linda Piotrowski

**VOWS OF THE STEPHEN MINISTERS & COMMISSIONERS**

**VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER & COMMISSIONING**

⌘ **HYMN** *Thine Is the Glory* 238

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Laudamus Te* from "Gloria" Vivaldi  
Linda Freeman and Marie Valade, Soloists

*\*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.*

⌘ **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** *Our God, Our Help in Ages past* 687

⌘ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**      *Because He Lives*

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,  
 Because he lives, all fear is gone;  
 Because I know, he holds the future,

✦ **POSTLUDE**              *Thine Is the Glory with Dubois' Toccata*      Handel/  
 Arr. G. Roberson

✦ **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:** Gayle Tompkins, in loving  
 memory of Dave Tompkins.

**THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT:** is in memory of Delores Lindgren.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:** Chuck Smerick  
 and Lon Main.

**THIS WEEK:**

**PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISES**—Meet 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday  
 and Friday in the Charter Hall at 9:00 a.m.

**HOPE FOR OVERCOMING DEPRESSION**—Monday, April 17, 9:30 a.m. in the  
 Spiritual Life Center. This four-week class is facilitated by Tom Lobb,  
 author of the book *Over Coming Depression*. Books are \$5.

**MISSION QUILTERS**—Quilters will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 17, at 9:30 a.m.— 2:00 p.m. anyone interested or having questions call Patti Bright, 520-305-3275.

**BIBLE REFLECTIONS**— Monday, April 17, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. This week—Exodus 27. Previous weeks are available on our website: [valleypres.net](http://valleypres.net).

**RUTH CIRCLE**—Women’s Bible Study, Monday April 17, at 4:00 p.m. in classroom 5.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY**-Wednesday, Wednesday, April 19,, at 9:00 a.m. in classroom 1.

**CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS**—Wednesday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall.

**THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD:** Thursday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m. in classroom 5. We will be studying Daniel. Previous weeks are available on our website: [valleypres.net](http://valleypres.net).

**FILM: PEACE IS IN SIGHT**— A film about the work of the clinic Pastor Craig founded in Duk County, South Sudan, will be shown next Sunday, April 23, at 1.00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. This is an Award-winning film (Telluride, Boulder, United Nations, Crested Butte Film Festivals) of the work of the St. Lake City, Utah Eye Surgeons restoring sight to the blind, as a means of creating peace in the midst of on-going civil war.

**WHEN IS IT TIME**— Tuesday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m.in classroom 5. A look into when the right time might be to transition into an assisted living or a different living situation.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
March-2023		Through Week 15 (04/09/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 65,708	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary (2 Services)	553
Monthly Giving Budget	95,012	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	5,461
*YTD Giving Support	216,136	** Weekly Viewing On-Line (2 Services)	362
*YTD Giving Budget	291,952	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	2,532
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	7,993
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	4,184
<p>* YTD = Year to Date      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p>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](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.

 <p>Valley Presbyterian Church Oasis of Grace</p>		<p>REV. DR. CRAIG LINDSEY, <i>Head of Staff</i> REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, <i>Associate Pastor of Discipleship</i></p>
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