



The Kitchen Maid by Velázquez, the
National Gallery of Ireland.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 23, 2023

PRELUDE Medley of African American Spirituals
Joyful Spirit Ensemble Arr. R. Boyer-Alexander

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the LORD Is in This Place*
Surely the presence of the Lord is 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 Pastor Diane

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

Friends, God's presence is not announced so much by searing light or angelic song, as it is by the gradual recognition of something holy enmeshed in our daily lives: simple as salt, common as bread, as unexpected as a treasure buried in a field! Such is the presence of Christ with us in each ordinary day. Let us praise God with joy!

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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CALL TO PRAYER

We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen....Let us confess together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives. Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice. Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us.

(silent confessions) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness. 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 *Standing On the Promises*

R.K. Carter/
Arr. M. Hayes

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
'Cause I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call.
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

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

Luke 24: 13-32

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON God in the Ordinary

✠ **HYMN** *Day of Arising* 252

MINUTE FOR MISSION Youth on Their Own Bethany Neuman

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* John Newton/Arr. J. Dakin
Joyful Spirit Ensemble

**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**

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**

He Lives

I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain:

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last. (Refrain)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)

✠ **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,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives!

✠ **POSTLUDE** *Easter Song* A.Herring

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

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

www.valleypres.net

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Bonnie Wollin in honor of Life, Family and Love.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

Kay Davison

THIS WEEK:

YOTO—Say HELLO to Bethany Neumann, Director of Development & Communications for Youth on Their Own, today in Charter Hall at the YOTO table after service.

PEACE IS IN SIGHT— A film about the work of the clinic Pastor Craig founded in Duk County, South Sudan, will be shown **this afternoon** 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.

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

HOPE FOR OVERCOMING DEPRESSION—Monday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. This class is facilitated by Tom Lobb, author of the book *Overcoming Depression*. Books are \$5.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Monday, April 24, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. This week—Exodus 30,31, & 32. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

VALLEY READERS—Monday April 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

WHEN IS IT TIME? - A class focused on the right time to move to assisted living or another living arrangement. Taught by Chris Erickson.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Wednesday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m. in Charter Hall.

YOTO CARD MAKING—Wednesday, April 26th at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

CREATIVE HANDS, Thursday, April 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 1.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: Thursday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. We will be studying the Minor Prophets. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
March-2023		Through Week 16 (04/16/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 65,708	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	291
Monthly Giving Budget	95,012	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	5,752
*YTD Giving Support	216,136	** Weekly Viewing On-Line (2 services)	149
*YTD Giving Budget	291,952	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	2,681
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	8,433
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	4,567
<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.

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