



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
April 30, 2023

PRELUDE *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* K. Kaiser/
Valley Ringers Arr. K. McChesney

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, NOISY OFFERING Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL, POURING OUT OF WATERS

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

Leader: Call on the name of the LORD in praise, make known
GOD's deeds among the nations!

**People: Sing to GOD with joy filled songs, tell of GOD's
wonderful deeds!**

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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CALL TO PRAYER

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who knows his own, and his own
know him.

UNISON PSALM OF CONFESSION

**The Lord is our Shepherd we shall not want. He makes us lie
down in green pastures. He leads us beside still waters. He
restores our soul. He leads us in paths of righteousness for his
name's sake. Even though we walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, we fear no evil; for you are with us; Thy rod
and Thy staff comfort us. You prepare a table before us in the
presence of our enemies; You anoint our heads with oil and our
cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the
days of our lives and we shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever. *(silent confessions)* Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus, Good Shepherd of the flock, by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold: Feed us and we shall be satisfied; heal us
and we shall be whole; lead us that we may be with you into
eternal 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 *How Great is Our God* C. Tomlin, E. Cash,
J. Reeves/Arr. J. Schrader

How great is our God.

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:

Let all the earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
It trembles at his voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God.
And all will see how great is our God!

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead three-in-one: Father, Spirit, Song,
The Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee!

How great thou art, how great thou art!

How great is our God!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 21

Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going fishing" Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast" None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?"

They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Truly truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not

have room for the books that would be written.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A LEAP OF FAITH"

✠ **HYMN** *God Is Calling through the Whisper* 410

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*
Valley Ringers Arr. C. Moglebust

****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** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* 250

✠ **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**

Prelude in Classic Style

G. Young/
Arr. L. Smith

We would like to thank our guest Organist and Accompanist,
Jan Brachel.

✦ **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: Marie Valade, in memory
of her mother, Dorothy Barker.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:
Kay Davison, Ron Bell, Joyce Lambert and Carol Roeming.

THIS WEEK:

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, May 1, 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, May 1, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. This week—Exodus 33 – 36: 37. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. No Men’s Bible Study May 10, 17 and 24.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Wednesday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m. in Charter Hall.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: Thursday, May 4, 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 17 (04/23/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 65,708	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	292
Monthly Giving Budget	95,012	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	6,044
*YTD Giving Support	216,136	** Weekly Viewing On-Line (2 services)	143
*YTD Giving Budget	291,952	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	2,824
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	8,868
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	4,802
* YTD = Year to Date		** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service	
S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

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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