



# FIFTH EASTER SUNDAY May 7, 2023 Sacrament of Communion

PRELUDE Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound Arr. G. Shearling

Pouring Out of Waters, Passing the Peace of Chris Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL Pastor Diane

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**

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

**OPENING HYMN** 

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

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### CALL TO PRAYER

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Father, we behold your glory in the love shown by your Son, facing others' contempt, lifted high on the cross, exalted on high. We invite you to form the minds of your people into a single will. Empower us to love what you command, to desire what you promise; that amid the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found. May you be glorified in the love we have for one another as disciples of our risen Lord.

(Silent prayer) Amen

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the LORD. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!



**†GLORIA PATRI** 581

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** Come, Share this Feast of Love

L. Larson

Here is the body that's broken for you.

Come share this feast of love.

Here is the blood that was shed for you.

Come, share this feast of love.

Here is the life that was lived for you.

Come, share the feast of love.

Here is the life that he gave for you.

Come, share this feast of love.

Come in prayer. Bring your pain; bring your care.

Come in prayer. Come, my child, and share.

Here is the peace that our soul has sought.

Come, share the feast of love.

Here is the peace that his dying bought.

Come, share this feast of love.

# **CHILDREN'S TIME**

SCRIPTURE John 14; 1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come



back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

### **CHORAL AMEN**



**SERMON** "VACANCY AT MY FATHER'S HOUSE"

**†HYMN** God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn 787

**CALL FOR OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY** Lord, Here Am I J.N. Beck/

Arr. B. Humber, D. Carnes

\* 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.

### 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** 

To God Be the Glory

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### **†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** 

Trumpet Voluntary

G. Young



# All those who are able, please stand All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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THE FLOWER ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT IS IN MEMORY OF: Carol Tahse-Roeming.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY:** Herman and Margaret Klap, Celebrating their 69th Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION: Mary Lou Browne.

### THIS WEEK:

### **MONDAY:**

9:30 AM PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISES—Charter Hall.

9:30 AM OVERCOMING DEPRESSION—Sweet Family Room.

10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE—Classroom 1.

1:00 PM BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Classroom 5 and on Zoom.

Previous weeks are available on our website:

Valleypres.net. This week: Exodus 36



### TUESDAY:

8:45 AM MISSION COMMITTEE— Classroom 1.

9:30 AM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE—Classroom 5.

9:30 AM Prayer Ministry—Sweet Family Room.

### **WEDNESDAY:**

9:00 AM DEACON MEETING—Classroom 5.

9:00 AM PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISES—Charter Hall

10:00 AM CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Charter Hall

10:00 AM Personnel Committee Meeting—Sweet Family Room.

1:00 PM MIRIAM CIRCLE— Classroom 1

3:15 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL—Sanctuary

### THURSDAY:

8:00 AM PATIO SALE SORT—Fellowship Hall.

9:00 AM FAITH & HEALTH COMMITTEE—Classroom 3.

10:00 AM LEARN TO KNIT — Classroom 1

1:00 PM THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD— Classroom 5.

Previous weeks are available on our website:

Valleypres.net. This week: The Minor Prophets

**FRIDAY:** No ACTIVITY

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

#### MOVIE MINISTRY—

The Movie Ministry is back this summer. It begins Wednesday, June 7th with the movie *God's Outlaw*, facilitated by Linda Freeman. The movie ministry will run once a month, June-October. Please look in your Valley Voice for more information.



**THE VALLEY GALLEY –** will be open from 7:00 -10:00 a.m. on Monday's, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning June 8. Join us for a beverage and a sweet under the solar panels.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GATHERING LUNCHEON**—Tuesday, May 16th at 11:30 a.m. Join us for this potluck salad luncheon as we learn about Martha Ashton's story and her new novel.

## ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - You're Never Too Old!

We are excited to announce our Adult Vacation Bible School on Tuesday—Thursday, July 18-20. More information will be coming out soon.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
March-2023		Through Week 18 (04/30/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 65,708	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	271
Monthly Giving Budget	95,012	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	6,315
*YTD Giving Support	216,136	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	123
*YTD Giving Budget	291,952	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	2,947
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	9,262
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	5,005
* YTD = Year to Date			
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.

<u>Visitors</u>: 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 <u>valleypres.net</u> 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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