



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
May 14, 2023

PRELUDE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin/
Pam Coggins, Oboe Arr. P. Michelson

POURING OUT OF WATERS/PASSING THE PEACE Pastor Diane

RINGING THE BOWL

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 (based on Matthew 23:37) Pastor Craig

Leader: As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, God desires to gather us together.

People: Gather us, O God. We are here to worship and sing your praise!

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 366

CALL TO PRAYER

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to live faithfully, act justly and bring peace to the earth. Instead, our lives and your church reflect more of our needs and worries and less of the needs and worries of all peoples. Move us beyond ourselves to hear the cry of the world and to respond with acts and deeds of kindness, mercy and justice. (silent confessions) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Titus 3)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE *Spirit of the Living God*

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Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

ANTHEM *You Raise Me Up with Be Still, My Soul* R. Loveland,
B. Graham/Arr. T. Fettke

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary;
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.
You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders.
You raise me up to more than I can be.
There is no life, no life without its hunger.
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when You come, and I am filled with wonder,
Sometime I think I glimpse eternity.
You raise me up to more than I can be.

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 14: 15-21

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?”

✠ HYMN

Fill Me Now

Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit, bathe my trembling heart and brow;
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence. Come, oh come and fill me
now.

Chorus:

Fill me now, fill me now. Spirit come and fill me now.
Fill me now, fill me now. Spirit come and fill me now.

In myself I'm full of weakness. Can you use this life somehow?
Cleanse and comfort, heal and teach me. Come, oh come and fill
me now.

(Chorus)

Just one life I have for living. In Your service send me out. Source
of love, of faith and power. Come, oh come and fill me now.

(Chorus)

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In The Garden C.A. Miles/
Pam Coggins, Oboe Arr. P. Mickelson

****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**

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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**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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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**

Simple Gifts

Arr. M. Hayes

✠ **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: The Chulick Family, in honor of Maxine Hobbs and Lady Raine & Lord Seth Mackenzie in honor of Lady Juanita F. Clore.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

THIS WEEK:

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

RUTH CIRCLE – Women's Bible study meets Monday, May 15, at 3:00 p.m. in classroom 5.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Monday, May 15, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. This week—Luke. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Wednesday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. in Charter Hall.

WOMEN'S GATHERING LUNCHEON – Tuesday May 16, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Martha Ashton is the guest speaker, come learn about her book *The Little Girl in the Red Dress* and Martha's journey in creative writing. This will be a salad potluck. Come register your attendance on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

THE VALLEY GALLEY – will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays under the solar panels. Join us for a beverage and a sweet.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
April-2023		Through Week 19 (05/07/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 80,046	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	218
Monthly Giving Budget	88,329	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	6,533
*YTD Giving Support	296,182	** Weekly Viewing On-Line (2 services)	124
*YTD Giving Budget	380,588	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	3,071
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	9,604
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	5,210
* 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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