



June 4, 2023

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Arr. Wager

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL, POURING OUT OF THE WATERS

INTROIT

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come because we have minds that seek to understand meaning in the mysteries of our existence.

We come because we are concerned for our homes, our church, our Nation and the welfare of mankind.

We come, tempted by the prizes the world promises but cannot give, seeking forgiveness and pardon.

We come seeking vision because the plowshares of hardship have dug deep into our souls.

We come to rejoice, grateful for friendships and family, unable to believe that love is but an accident.

We come because we are mortal, who need strong faith to follow Christ's way to eternal life.

So, lift us above the too ordinary of mediocre days to find satisfaction and significance, harmony and peace.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* 408

CALL TO PRAYER

What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed GOD, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Now when one works, their wages are not credited to them as a Gift but as payment for an obligation. However, to the one who trusts GOD, their faith is credited as righteousness. David says the same thing: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are not counted against them.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you alone can bring peace to our unruly wills and affections. Give us grace to love what you command and desire for your promise, that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world our hearts may fix where true joys will be

found. Allow us to shake the dust of past rejections from our soles. Moulte the cataracts from our eyes to clearly witness visions of the future you reveal before us. Empower us to hear your Call, not only to new hope, but from past hurts. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. (Silent prayer)
Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus declared, "The ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to myself." 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: *This Is My Song* (Blessed Assurance) T. Fettke

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior for all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

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

Genesis 12: 1 - 9

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the

possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“THE LYNCHPIN”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed 35
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

⌄ **HYMN** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* 839

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River?* Arr. J. Raney

****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 the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. 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** *When Peace like a River* 840

⌄ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

⌄ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✦ **POSTLUDE**

Simple Gifts

Arr. Smith

✦ **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: Dale & Angie Agner, in honor of John & Jan Agner.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:
Bob Kern & Katherina Harder.

TODAY IS NOGALES CROSSROADS SUNDAY— Please drop off your non-perishable items in Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK:

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

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Join Pastor Craig Monday June 12, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. We begin Luke 4. Previous weeks

are available on our website: valleypres.net.

CARDIO DRUMMING—Tuesday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER MINISTRY — Tuesday, June 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—9:00 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 1. They are studying Ephesians. All are welcome.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Wednesday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Charter Hall.

LINE DANCING—Wednesday June 14, at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

FUN FRIDAY—Start June 16, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for games, entertainment and fun fellowship in an air-conditioned environment.

UP COMING EVENTS:

4TH OF JULY PICNIC— Sunday July 2, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No charge, but a free will offering will be accepted. Pick up your free ticket June 18 and 25.

JULY MOVIE MINISTRY—Cocoon, July 5. Marie Valade will be your facilitator.

Exploring Membership Class— Starts Thursdays, June 29, July 6, and July 13 at 10:00 a.m. in classroom 5. Come learn about



Valley Presbyterian Church, become a member or an affiliate member. Contact the church office at 520-625-5023 to register.

ADULT VACATION BIBLE STUDY— July 18, 19, and 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration begins Sunday, June 25.

JESUS EATS—Coming in August on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An experience about food and Jesus.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
May-2023		Through Week 23 (06/04/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 64,912	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	193
Monthly Giving Budget	41,601	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	7,343
*YTD Giving Support	361,094	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	113
*YTD Giving Budget	422,189	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	3,560
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	10,903
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	5,866
* 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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We are a Stephen Ministry Church