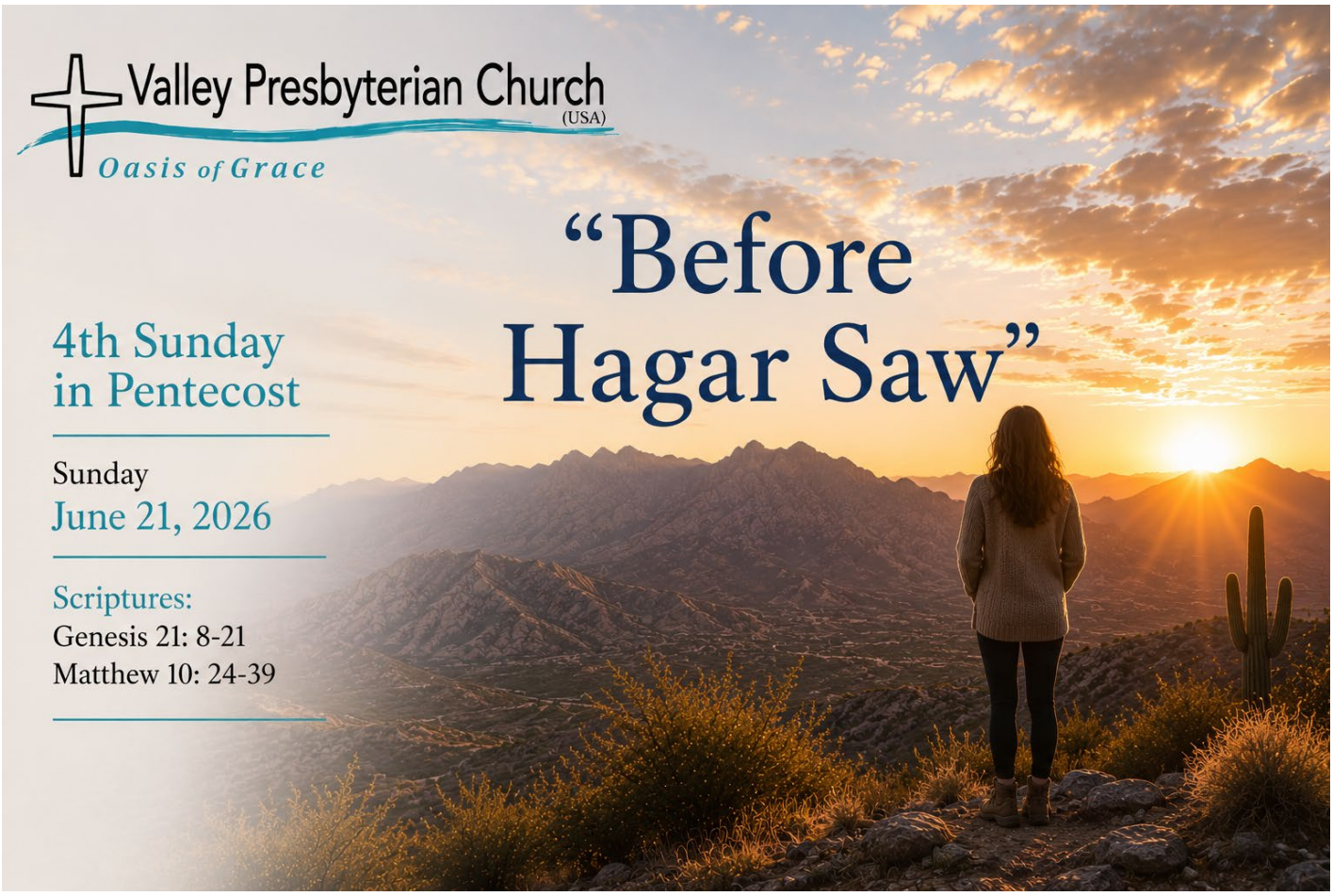

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Simple Gifts* Traditional Shaker/
Joyful Spirit Ensemble, Pam Coggins- Oboe Arr. J. Dakin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE / OUTPOURING OF WATERS /TRINITY RINGING

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

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CALL TO WORSHIP Bud Landry

L: When the road feels uncertain,

P: God remains faithful.

L: When the future feels hidden,

P: God remains present.

L: When we cannot see the way ahead,

P: God opens our eyes.

L: Come, let us worship the God who sees us.

P: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN** ***Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty **35**

CALL TO CONFESSION

There are times when fear becomes louder than faith. We focus on what is missing and overlook the grace already surrounding us. Yet the God who met Hagar in the wilderness meets us with mercy today. Let us come before God with honest hearts and confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*silently – then together.)*

Gracious God, we confess that we often live as though everything depends on us. We become anxious about tomorrow, afraid of what we cannot control, and blind to the gifts already around us.

Open our eyes again. Help us trust your presence, your provision, and your love. Teach us to walk by faith, one step at a time. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, hear the good news. God's grace is not waiting for us at the finish line. It meets us here. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.

P: Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts, O God. Open our minds. Open our eyes. Help us hear your Word, recognize your presence, and trust your leading. Amen.

OT READING **GENESIS 21:8-21 PG. 29**

Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

8 The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned
Abraham held a great feast. 9 But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the
Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, 10 and she said to Abraham,
"Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never
share in the inheritance with my son Isaac."

[11] The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his
son. [12] But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your
slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac
that your offspring will be reckoned. [13] I will make the son of the slave into a
nation also, because he is your offspring.”

[14] Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and
gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off
with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of
Beersheba.

[15] When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the
bushes. [16] Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she
thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she began to
sob.

[17] God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from
heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God
has heard the boy crying as he lies there. [18] Lift the boy up and take him by
the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”

[19] Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and
filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

[20] God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an
archer. [21] While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife
for him from Egypt.

ANTHEM *Declare Your Maker's Praise!* Arr. L. Larson
Pam Coggins – Oboe

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King! Let the heavens ring!
God reigns, let the Earth be glad!
Declare your Maker's praise!

NT READING **MATTHEW 10:24-39 PG. 1511**

24 "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.
25 It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

26 "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. **27** What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. **28** Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.

30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be
afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

32 "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before
my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown
before my Father in heaven.

34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not
come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn

"'a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—
36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'
37 "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of
me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of
me. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of
me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my
sake will find it.

L: The words of God, for the people of God.
P: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Before Hagar Saw" Rev. Blair Beaver

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** (From the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.

Hymn** ***Open My Eyes, That I May See **451**

Invitation to the Offering
In the wilderness, God provided what Hagar needed for the next step. We have been blessed in countless ways as well, with grace, hope, relationships, and opportunities to serve. Our offering is one way we participate in God's work, helping others discover the same love and care we have received. Let us return to God a portion of what God has first entrusted to us.

Offertory *We Are Not Alone* *Pepper Choplin/Arr. J. Dakin*
Joyful Spirit Ensemble, Kurt Hargelroad, Soloist, Pam Coggins, Oboe

**Please sign in using the Friendship Pad located in your pew. Signing in is a simple way for us to stay connected and care for one another as a church family.*

***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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, Use these gifts and our lives for your purposes. Open our eyes to opportunities for service and our hearts to your leading. In Christ's name. Amen.

Prayers of the People / 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 have sinned 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. Amen.

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Carrying God's Word into the World

Hymn** ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah **65**

Charge and Benediction

Go now in peace.
The God who saw Hagar sees you.
The Christ who called the disciples walks with you.
The Spirit who opens eyes continues to lead you.
And wherever this week takes you,
may you discover that God's grace was already there waiting.
Amen.

***Postlude** *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young

(* If able, please stand)

Worship doesn't end at the doors.
Today's service is available online at valleypres.net.

Flowers for the Sanctuary Provided by: Sandy and Gary Heintz, in memory of Tom Macfarlane.

Please Remember Those in the Hospital or in Rehab: John Agner, Mike Schoeben and Monte Crook.

New Members, or People Who Want to Know More About Their Church:
Even if you did not sign up, you are welcome to join us!
Today at 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 5 with Rev. Blair

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WELCOME TO VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are glad you are here. Set against the beauty of the Santa Rita Mountains, Valley Presbyterian Church is a place where people come to worship, to heal, to reconnect, and to remember they do not walk through life alone. Some arrive here with deep faith. Some arrive carrying questions. Some simply come looking for peace. Wherever you are on the journey, you are welcome in this place. We believe God meets people in everyday life, in friendship, in prayer, in laughter, in service, in music, and in the quiet moments when the soul finally slows down enough to listen. So, take a breath. Rest for a while. Let the noise of the world fade for just a moment. There is grace here. There is room for you here.

VISITORS: Please consider yourself at home while you are with us today. Visitor Information Packets are available at the Visitor's Table and Welcome Centers. You may also fill out the welcome card if you would like someone to reach out to you. You can learn more about the life and ministry of Valley Presbyterian Church at **valleypres.net**, where you can sign up for our daily Eblast reflections and monthly newsletter. ***Welcome to God's house*!**

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
As of May 31, 2026		Through Week 24 (06-14-2026)	
Monthly Giving Support	$ 48,780	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	169
Monthly Giving Budget	62,500	YTD 2026 Attendance Sanctuary	6,985
YTD Giving Support	369,849	Weekly Viewing On-Line	67
YTD Giving Budget	312,500	YTD 2026 Viewing On-Line	2,355

S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2026 Per Capita is $43.90 per member

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BLAIR AND KIMBERLY TO THE WILD WEST - with a Cowboy Dinner, Wednesday, June 24, 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on Sunday, June 21, at the Fellowship table.

PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall. This is a free class for people who have Parkinson's.

BIBLE STUDY-Mondays, 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

VALLEY READERS – Monday, June 22, 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1.

CARDIO DRUMMING – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CHAIR EXERCISE WITH MIA COOPER – Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 12:00 p.m. in the Charter Hall.

CROSSROADS MISSION – Collecting back to School supplies for Nogales Crossroads Mission children. Items needed are backpacks, pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks and other school supplies Sundays, June 21 and 28.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION— Join us as we celebrate on Sunday, July 5, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please register during Sunday Fellowship on June 21, and 28, or call the church office at (520) 625-5023.

BACK TO SCHOOL: A STRONG START FOR EVERY CHILD
We are collecting new clothing and monetary donations for the children of St. Andrew's Children's Clinic after worship each Sunday, June 14–July 26. Look for our table in Charter Hall. Help us give every child a strong start to the school year.

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