



July 2, 2023

Sacrament of Communion

PRELUDE *Once to Every Man and Nation* T.J. Williams/
 Robert Marshall, Cello Arr. E. Kihss

POURING OUT OF WATERS/PASSING THE PEACE Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL

INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God* 288
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

Pastor Diane

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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CALL TO PRAYER

The boy Samuel was waiting upon the Lord, when he said, "Speak LORD, for your servant is listening." And as the disciples responded to Jesus, "You alone have the words of eternal life."

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Light of minds that know you, life of souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you, help us to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom. Storms constantly rage about us, causing us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief. Pour out upon us the wisdom of your Spirit, that we may walk with Christ the way of the cross, ready to offer even the gift of our lives. (Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our Savior, Christ Jesus, abolished death, bringing life and immortality to light through the gospel. 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: *Down to the River to Pray* with K. Medema/
Lord, Listen to Your Children Arr. M. McDonald
A. J. Barrios, Soloist

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry
crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.
O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Lord, listen to your children prayin'.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children prayin',
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
A door's gonna swing open and the walls come atumblin' down,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

O children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O children, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 22:1-14

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON “SACRIFICING THE PROMISE OF LAUGHTER”

✠ **HYMN** *This Is My Song* 340

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Nimrod* E. Elgar/Arr. L. Rhodes
Robert Marshall, Cello

****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**

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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.

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 Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold your elements until all may receive together)

✠ **HYMN** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* 354

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **POSTLUDE** Postlude on *God Of Our Fathers* Arr. P. Lehenbauer

✠ **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: Dick Davison, in commemoration of Kay Davison, wife and mother.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

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

ADULT VBS—July 18, 19, 20, 9 a.m. to noon. Sign-up today after Worship.

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 July 3, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. We begin Luke 7:1. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

CARDIO DRUMMING—is cancelled due to the July 4th Holiday. The group will meet again next Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER MINISTRY — is cancelled due to the July 4th Holiday. The group will meet again next Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - July 5, at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. Join them as they study Ephesians. All are welcome.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Wednesday, July 5, at 10:00 a.m. in Charter Hall.

SUMMER MOVIE MINISTRY— *Cocoon*, facilitated by Marie Valade. Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., in the Spiritual Life Center.

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

FUN FRIDAYS—Friday at 1:00 p.m. in Charter Hall.

SERMON NOTES:

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
May-2023		Through Week 26 (06/25/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 68,414	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	202
Monthly Giving Budget	41,601	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	7,908
*YTD Giving Support	364,596	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	151
*YTD Giving Budget	422,189	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	3,942
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	11,850
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	6,301
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p>			

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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