GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Arr. M. Gaspard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As we gather for worship, we invite you to sign the Friendship pad in your pews. This simple act helps us to strengthen our connection, care for one another, and to welcome those who are joining us today.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE / OUTPOURING OF WATERS

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CALL TO WORSHIP Al Smith

L: The Lord brought us safely through the rushing waters and made a way where there seemed to be no way.
P: We look back and remember the mighty deeds of our God.
L: He tells us to build monuments of praise, so that when our children ask what these things mean, we may declare His faithfulness.
P: We will not keep silent, for the hand of the Lord is mighty!
L: Come, let us worship the God who leads us forward.
All: Let us remember God's works, proclaim God's power, and praise God's holy name together!

OPENING HYMN** ***God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand **331**

CALL TO CONFESSION
When we stand on the brink of change and challenges, we often hesitate to move forward preferring the security of the wilderness to the uncertainty of the Promise. Let us admit before God our uncertainties in this time of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, you call us to move forward, to follow the ark of your presence, and to cross into new life.

P: Yet, we confess that we often stand still in fear, or look back at what we have left behind.

L: Like the Israelites, we see the flooded river instead of your power, and we doubt the journey you have set before us.

P: We choose to rely on our own strength rather than trust your guidance.

L: Forgive us for our hesitant faith, for our preference for comfort, and for the times we have not followed where you lead.

P: Carry us through the waters of doubt, O God, and bring us to the land you have prepared for us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God goes before you! Just as God parted the Jordan, God removes the obstacles before us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed to step forward into the Promise.

***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.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM *Prayer for My Country* P. Rodriguez

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America, America, God shed His grace on thee.
And crown they good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
O beautiful for pilgrim's feet, whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness. America, America,
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.
O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America, America, God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

SCRIPTURE READING **JOSHUA 3:14-4:9 NIV**

14 So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying
the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. **15** Now the Jordan is at flood
stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark
reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, **16** the water
from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away,
at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing
down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut
off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. **17** The priests who carried
the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and
stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had
completed the crossing on dry ground.

4 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to
Joshua, 2 "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each
tribe, 3 and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the
Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with
you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

4 So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the
Israelites, one from each tribe, 5 and said to them, "Go over before the ark of
the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a
stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the
Israelites, 6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your
children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' 7 tell them that the flow of
the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it
crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are
to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

8 So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve
stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes
of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over
with them to their camp, where they put them down. 9 Joshua set up the
twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where
the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are
there to this day.

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

SERMON "Remember" Rev. Diane Christopher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** ***O God, You Are My God* (*Step By Step*)** **743**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ***Chorale, Fantasy, and Fugue* on "*The Star-Spangled Banner*"**
Arr. S. Post

HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Pastoral Prayer and 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 Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN** ***O Beautiful for Spacious Skies **338**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Benediction Medley* M. Hayes

(* If able, please stand)

Worship doesn't end at the doors. It continues wherever you go, because the God we met here today is already present in the ordinary moments of our lives. If todays service speaks to you, you can share it or revisit it anytime at valleypres.net

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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 26 (06-28-2026)	
Monthly Giving Support	$ 48,780	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	145
Monthly Giving Budget	62,500	YTD 2026 Attendance Sanctuary	7,281
YTD Giving Support	369,849	Weekly Viewing On-Line	86
YTD Giving Budget	312,500	YTD 2026 Viewing On-Line	2,517
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ADULT BIBLE CAMP (ABC) – ABC starts Monday, July 13, at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the Spiritual Life Center. ABC continues through Wednesday, July 15. Call the office (520) 625-5023 to register.

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

PRAYER MINISTRY – Our Prayer Ministry meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room. All are welcome to come pray.

LINE DANCING WITH STEVE AND NANCY – Tuesday, July 7, in the Fellowship Hall. 12:00 p.m. for Beginners, 1:00 p.m. for Advanced Beginners, and 2:00 p.m. for Advanced.

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

CROSSROADS MISSION – We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for children served by Nogales Crossroads Mission, many of whose families do not qualify for public assistance. Collections will be held Sunday, through July 5. You may sponsor a backpack for $25, and we will do the shopping for you.

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, through July 26. Look for our table in Charter Hall. Help us give every child a strong start to the school year.

AMERICAN REDCROSS BLOOD DRIVE - July 23, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Charter Hall. *https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=VPC*

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