



July 9, 2023

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art with How Great Is Our God*

S. Hine/C. Tomlin

POURING OUT OF WATERS/PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL

INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God*

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Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

God of the Sparrow

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CALL TO PRAYER

Jesus said, “The spirit of the Lord has appointed me to bring good news to the poor and release to captives. Happy are those who hear the Word, hold it fast in a good and honest heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Covenant, in baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Grant us the courage given the apostles to faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life. Lord, you are always more willing to grant blessings than we are to seek them, more willing to give than we are to desire or to deserve. Help us to seek, that we may truly find, so to ask that we may be joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of welcome may be opened. Jesus taught that what we do for the least of your children, we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others, as he was servant of all, who gave up his life to die for us but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. (Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The harvest is plentiful, but laborers are few. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to appoint laborers for this valley. 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:

Holy

G. Caccini/Arr. T. Fetteke

Holy, Holy Lord.

Holy God of power, Holy God of might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Holy, Holy Lord.

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 24: 1-4, 10-27, 64-67

Abraham was now very old, the LORD blessing him in every way. He said to the trusted servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh. I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the Canaanites, among whom I am living, but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

Then the servant left, taking with him ten of his master's camels loaded with all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor. He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water.

There he prayed, "LORD, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a young woman, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' that she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels also'—let her be the one you have chosen for Abraham's son, your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master." Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor. The woman was very beautiful. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

The servant hurried to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar."

“Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.” So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels. Then he asked, “Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?”

She answered him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milkah bore to Nahor.” And she added, “We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night.”

Then the man bowed down and worshiped the LORD, saying, “Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the LORD has led me on the journey to the house of my master’s relatives.”

Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate. As he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?” “He is my master,” the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought Rebekah into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married

Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"BEING SENT ON A PURPOSE"

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**

The God of Abraham Praise

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Abide with Me with Two Part Invention #14 in B Flat*

J.S. Bach/Arr. L. McKechnie

****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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* 32

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *A Pompus March* G. Young

✠ 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: Sheila Frahm, in honor of ours and all July Anniversaries.

THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT: is in honor of Enid Waldron who passed away Monday, July 3.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION: Debbie VanHyfte and Jim Mills.

TODAY IS CROSSROADS MISSION 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 10, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. We will do a brief review of Luke 7 and start at 8:16. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

CARDIO DRUMMING—Tuesday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER MINISTRY — Tuesday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, July 12, at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. Join them as they study Ephesians. This is the last meeting for the summer. All are welcome.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Wednesday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m. in Charter Hall.

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

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

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
May-2023		Through Week 29 (7/02/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 68,414	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	214
Monthly Giving Budget	41,601	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	8,122
*YTD Giving Support	364,596	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	106
*YTD Giving Budget	422,189	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	4,048
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	12,170
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	6,475
* 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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