



July 16, 2023

PRELUDE *Ash Grove with Thanks Be to God* Trad., G.F. Handel

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL/POURING OUT OF WATERS

INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God* 288

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

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and the beauty of life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence through Jesus Christ our LORD.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* 20

THE COMMISSIONING OF A STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER Deb Jones

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** 581

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: *The Song of God* M. Hayes

I hear a song in the air, dancing with life on the breeze,
Delighting my soul to joy, frolicking through the trees.
The song of God is moving everywhere.
I feel a tune in my heart, calling me now to rejoice.
My heart is filled with love as I gladly raise my voice.
My song is God's amazing work of art.
And I will join the dance as I'm living every day.
For I'm filled with wonder and joy at the beauty of God's display.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

I have a song I can share, a marvelous message of grace.
Our God has made a way for all to seek God's face.
I'll shout aloud the song of God everywhere!
Come, join the marvelous, wonderful matchless song of God.
God's song is everywhere, alleluia!

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 25: 19-28; 27:1-13

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

For twenty years, Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

The LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you will be separated;
one people will be stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger.”

When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob (heel-grabber).

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. The Father, Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, while Rebekah, the mother, favored Jacob.

When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.”

“Here I am,” he answered.

Isaac said, “I am now an old man and know the day of my death is coming. Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, ‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the

presence of the LORD before I die.’ Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“SIBLING RIVALRY”

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

Give Thanks

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In His Hands

Setting by J. Raney

He's Got...

1. The Tiny, Little Baby
2. The Busy, Busy People

****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.

⌄ HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

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⌄ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌄ POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

✠ **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: Dale and Jana Honermann
in honor of Dale's Mother, Clare Honermann.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN
REHABILITATION:**

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, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. The class will delve into Luke 9. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 to noon each day. Today is the last day to register for this event.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Wednesday, 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.

SERMON NOTES:

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
June-2023		Through Week 28 (07/09/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 64,503	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	192
Monthly Giving Budget	36,188	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	8,314
*YTD Giving Support	429,099	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	73
*YTD Giving Budget	458,377	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	4,121
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	12,435
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	6,619
<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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