GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Wayfaring Stranger* Arr. M. Hayes

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 /TRINITY RINGING

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

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CALL TO WORSHIP Bud Landry

L: God gathers us from busy lives and distracted hearts.
P: We come seeking the presence of the One who has always been near.
L: God calls us not only to work, but also to listen.
P: We come to sit at Christ's feet and receive the gift of grace.
L: Come, let us worship the living God.
P: Let us worship with joy, humility, and hope.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gracious God, You welcome us before we deserve it, love us before we understand it, and speak to us before we know what to ask. Quiet the noise within us. Open our minds to your truth, our hearts to your love, and our lives to your transforming presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN** ***O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee **738**
(verses 1, 2 and 3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, God has searched us and knows us completely. God sees the good seed within us, and God also sees the fear, pride, resentment, and sin that have taken root in our hearts. Yet we do not come before God in fear, for we have received not a spirit of slavery, but the Spirit of adoption. Trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins together.

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we often measure our worth by our activity. We rush through our days, fill every silence, and mistake busyness for faithfulness. We become anxious instead of trusting, critical instead of compassionate, and distracted instead of attentive to your voice.
Forgive us. Teach us again to receive your grace before attempting to earn it. Renew us by your Spirit, that our work may flow from your love and our service from grateful hearts. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear the good news: Christ meets us not because we have done enough, but because God's mercy is already reaching toward us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, restored, and invited to live in freedom.

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.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our ears to hear, our minds to understand, and our hearts to receive the living Word of God.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **GENESIS 28:10-19A NRSVUE**

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. [11] He came to a certain
place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of
the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that
place. [12] And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the
top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and
descending on it. [13] And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD,

the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, [14] and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. [15] Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." [16] Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" [17] And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

[18] So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. [19] He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

ANTHEM *I Surrender All* W.S. Weeden/ Arr. J. Raney

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all to thee,
My blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;
Fill me with your love and power, let your blessing fall on me.
I surrender all.

SCRIPTURE READING **MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43 NRSVUE**

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, [25] but while
everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat
and then went away. [26] So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the
weeds appeared as well. [27] And the slaves of the householder came and said
to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did
these weeds come from?' [28] He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The
slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29] But he
replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along
with them. [30] Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at
harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in
bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples
approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the
field." [37] He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of
Man; [38] the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the
kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who
sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers
are angels. [40] Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will
it be at the end of the age. [41] The Son of Man will send his angels, and they
will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, [42] and they
will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

SERMON "Faithful in a Field of Weeds" Rev. Beaver

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostles' Creed**

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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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** ***You Are My Strength When I Am Weak **519**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Everything we have is a gift from God. Our giving is not payment for grace, but gratitude for grace already received.

OFFERTORY *Abide With Me* W. Monk/ Arr. D. Hustad, T. Smith

*** 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**

Gracious God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to sow seeds of mercy, justice, peace, and hope in this congregation and throughout the world. Make us faithful stewards of your grace, patient in service, generous in love, and confident that you are at work even when the harvest is not yet visible. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN** ***We Are Marching in the Light of God **853**

***CHARGE**

Go into the world knowing that God is already present where you are going. Listen before you speak. Receive before you strive. Love because you have first been loved.

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BENEDICTION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *Praise* G. Martin

(* 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 today's service speaks to you, you can share it or revisit it anytime at valleypres.net

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Bill, Deb and Katie, in loving memory of our mom, Donna Troxel.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB: Monte Crook.

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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 ofJune 30, 2026		Through Week 28 (07-12-2026)	
Monthly Giving Support	$ 54,528	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	160
Monthly Giving Budget	62,500	YTD 2026 Attendance Sanctuary	7,629
YTD Giving Support	424,377	Weekly Viewing On-Line	102
YTD Giving Budget	375,000	YTD 2026 Viewing On-Line	2,680
S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2026 Per Capita is $43.90 per member			

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.

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

AN EVENING OF LINE DANCING—Join Steve and Nancy in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 20.

CARDIO DRUMMING – Cardio Drumming, Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

LINE DANCING WITH STEVE AND NANCY—Tuesdays, starting at noon for Beginners, 1:00 p.m. for Advanced Beginners and 2:00 p.m. for Advanced 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.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – July 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Charter Hall. Register online at redcrossblood.org or scan the QR code:

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC IN ANIMATED FILMS – July 24, 2:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. There will be games and songs and a whole lot of fun! There is something for everyone, so get out of the heat and come join us as we celebrate the unforgettable songs and stories from the treasured part of our lives for generations.

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.

INSTALLATION OF REV. BLAIR BEAVER—July 26, 2026, 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited.

The New AED is installed in the middle hallway; we now have two. The training video is uploaded to our Valley Presbyterian webpage, About Us, Session Members and Board of Deacons. Or scan the QR Code:

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