



JULY 30, 2023

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Arr. D. Wagner

POURING OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Diane

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

Chuck Ramsay

Eternal God, as we gather in this time and place, we are reminded of your mighty works amid the great drama of human history. We praise you for never giving up on us, for loving us with a love from which nothing can separate us. May we become more aware of your activity and presence, that we will see you more clearly at work in the midst of all the pain and joy of our lives. We worship your holy name.

✠ OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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CALL TO PRAYER

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows. When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also. When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God, the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open. Having heard these words, let us pray our prayer of confession together.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. Help us to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. (Silent prayer) Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For nothing is impossible with God. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, you 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: *10,000 Reasons* J. Myrin, M. Redman/Arr. H. Sorensen

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul:
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing;
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forever more!

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

Romans 8: 26-39

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more

than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, either height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Nothing Can Separate”

✠ **HYMN** *Jesus Loves Me!* 188

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art* S.K. Hine
Peggi Briggs, Soloist

****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. There is a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well. Our Pastors and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your request.***

✠ 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

Fight the Good Fight

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✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Hope Eternal

E. Broughton

✠ **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: Liz Haynes, in memory of her Mother.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION: Peggy Babcock

THIS WEEK:

PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISES—Meets 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Charter Hall at 9:00 a.m.

NO BIBLE REFLECTIONS JULY 31—Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

CARDIO DRUMMING— Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

MOVIE MINISTRY— Wednesday, August 2nd at 1:00 p.m., *The Way*, facilitated by Pam Karbowsky. An American father travels to France to retrieve the body of his estranged son, who died while attempting the pilgrimage to Spain's Santiago de Compostela. He resolves to take the journey himself, in an effort to understand both himself and his son.

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

JESUS EATS—Thursday, August 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 10:00 a.m. in classroom 1. Jesus ate a lot of meals in the Bible. Why are these stories there? Your teacher is Pastor Diane with food provided by Anne Morrison.

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

SERMON NOTES:

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.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
June-2023		Through Week 30 (07/23/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 64,503	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	188
Monthly Giving Budget	36,188	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	8,679
*YTD Giving Support	429,099	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	95
*YTD Giving Budget	458,377	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	4,309
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	12,988
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	6,851
<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>			