



August 6, 2023

Sacrament of Communion

PRELUDE

Sicilienne

G. Faure

Ellen Entwistle, Flute

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 Matthew 14: 13-14 Pastor Diane

When Jesus heard John had been beheaded by Herod, he withdrew privately by boat to a solitary place. Hearing he was alone, crowds followed him on foot. As Jesus landed and saw the crowds, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 12

CALL TO PRAYER Matthew 14: 15-21

As evening approached, the disciples said, “This is a remote place. Send the crowds away, so they can buy themselves food. Jesus replied, “They need not go away. You give them something to eat.” He directed the people to sit down. Taking the five loaves and two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, gave thanks and broke the loaves. All ate and were satisfied. The disciples gathered up twelve baskets full of broken pieces left over. The number of those who ate was about 5000 men, and women and children also.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Through your Spirit, give us wisdom that possessions may not be a curse, but means of blessing others in our lives. Your Son, Jesus, fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not weary in well-doing, for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength! They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be

weary, they shall walk and not grow faint. 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: *Come, Share this Feast of Love*

L. Larson

Here is the body that's broken for you.
Come share this feast of love.
Here is the blood that was shed for you.
Come, share this feast of love.
Here is the life that was lived for you.
Come, share the feast of love.
Here is the life that he gave for you.
Come, share this feast of love.

Come in prayer. Bring your pain; bring your care.
Come in prayer. Come, my child, and share.

Here is the peace that our soul has sought.
Come, share the feast of love.
Here is the peace that his dying bought.
Come, share this feast of love.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32: 22-30

When messengers returned to Jacob, they said, “We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to find you, and four hundred men are with him.” In great fear and distress that night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON

“WRESTLING IN THE DARK”

✠ **HYMN**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lamb Of God
Ellen Entwistle, Flute

T. Paris/Arr. J. Raney

****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 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Word of Institution

The 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 Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold your elements until all may receive together)

⌄ **HYMN** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* 41

⌄ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

⌄ **POSTLUDE** *Benediction Medley* Arr. M. Hayes, M. Gaspard

⌄ **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: James & Cheryl Conner,
In celebration of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN
REHABILITATION:** Brad Tate, Ann Tate, Clayton Messelt, Mike
Brouwer

TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY— Please drop off your non-perishable
items in Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK:

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

VPC MISSION QUILTERS – Meet this Monday, August 7, at 9:30 a.m.
– 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested or having
questions call Patti Bright, 520-305-3275.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Join Pastor Craig Monday August 7, at
1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. We begin Luke
9:51. Previous weeks are available on our website:
valleypres.net.

CARDIO DRUMMING—Tuesday, August 8, at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship
Hall.

PRAYER MINISTRY – Tuesday, August 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet
Family Room.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS—Wednesday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m. in Charter Hall.

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

PATIO SALE SORT—Thursday, August 10, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

JESUS EATS – Thursday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m. in classroom 5. Join your teacher Pastor Diane Christopher. Food provided by Anne Morrison.

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

KAY DAVISON MEMORIAL – Saturday, August 12, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

SERMON NOTES:

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
June-2023		Through Week 31 (07/30/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 64,503	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	181
Monthly Giving Budget	36,188	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	8,860
*YTD Giving Support	429,099	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	118
*YTD Giving Budget	458,377	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	4,427
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	13,287
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	7,031
* 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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<p>We are a Stephen Ministry Church</p>		