



AUGUST 20, 2023

PRELUDE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Arr. H. Colvin

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL, POURING OUT OF WATERS

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.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 1: 8-17

Pastor Diane

Now Joseph and all of that generation died; while the Israelites in Egypt were fruitful and multiplied, becoming exceedingly numerous. Then a new King, who did not remember Joseph came to power in Egypt. He put slave masters over them to oppress, as the Israelites built for the Egyptians store-cities. Then the King said to the Hebrew Midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you help the Hebrew Women, if the baby is a boy kill him, but if it is girl let her live." The midwives however, feared GOD and did not do what the king of Egypt told them to do, they assisted all the babies to live.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* 43

CALL TO PRAYER

Exodus 1:22-24

Then Pharaoh gave order to all his people, "Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live." Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, and she gave birth to a son. When she saw he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, took a papyrus basket coated in tar and pitch. She placed the child in it and placed the basket among the reeds along the bank of the Nile, while his sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty GOD, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Grant us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of GOD. Since we are surrounded by so

great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every sin that clings so closely. Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Gift us such knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to continually serve you through Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer) Amen

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Exodus 2: 5-6

Then Pharaoh's own daughter went down to the Nile to bathe. She saw the basket among the reeds. Opening it, seeing the baby crying, she had compassion, recognizing him as one of the Hebrew babies. Brothers and Sisters believe the good news: 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: *Surely the Presence of the Lord in This Place*

Arr. J. Schrader

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me king of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

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

Matthew 15: 21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“CANAANITIES & CANINES”

THE 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, dead, 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**

When Peace like a River

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Hyfrydol with Two Part Invention #8 in F* by 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. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in. Our Pastors and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your request.*

✠ 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 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* 839

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *To Be God's People* Arr. H. Colvin

✠ All those who are able, please stand.

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

www.valleypres.net

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Ted & Gee-Gee Smith, In Celebration of their Anniversary.

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

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 IS CANCELLED —No Bible Reflections Monday August 21, 28 and September 4. It will continue on September 11, where they will be studying Luke 11:37. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

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

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

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

CARD MAKING FOR YOUTH ON THEIR OWN - Please join us this Wednesday, August 23 from 1-3:30 in Classroom 5 for card making for YOTO students. We craft notes of caring and inspiration that are included monthly with each student's mini mall shopping . All are welcome!! (Mary Horn, Mission Committee liaison to YOTO)

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

JESUS EATS—Thursdays, August 24th 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.

ESTHER GRIMSLEY'S MEMORIAL- will be Saturday, August 26, at La Posada, in the Madera Room at 2:00 p.m.

ARE YOU A REGULAR ATTENDER? If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically and daily email blasts (which contain a devotion and announcements), contact the church office: 520-625-5023.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
July-2023		Through Week 33 (8/13/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 61,506	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	187
Monthly Giving Budget	45,973	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	9,247
*YTD Giving Support	490,605	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	72
*YTD Giving Budget	504,350	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	4,607
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	13,851
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	7,344
* 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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