



AUGUST 27, 2023

PRELUDE

Children's Song Medley

Arr. D. Wagner

POURING OUT OF WATERS/PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Diane

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 Marie Valade

L: They went to Jesus, and he asked them, “Who do you say I am?”
They answered, “You are the eschatological manifestation of the
ground of our being, the kerygma of which we find meaning in our
interpersonal relationships.” And Jesus said, “What?”

**P: Faith doesn’t have to be that hard. Life doesn’t have to be that
difficult.**

L: Sometimes, we just have to live God’s love. Sometimes, we just
have to live what we believe.

**P: And so we are here simply to sing, to celebrate, to worship
God!**

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* 624

CALL TO PRAYER

Blessed be the One who fashions us, the One who heals us, the
One who reforms us again and again. Having heard these words,
let us pray our prayer of confession.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Who do we say that Jesus is? In our finest moments, we declare God's truth:

P: Jesus is the Messiah, God-with-us, Savior of all, Shepherd and Friend. Jesus is Lord of our whole lives.

L: Who do we say that Jesus is? In our weakest moments, we utter deceptions:

P: Jesus is a magician who makes our problems disappear, a superhero who rescues us from trouble. Or, he is a nice man who lived once upon a time. A superstition. A Sunday morning diversion who asks nothing from us.

L: Forgive us our feeble and false affirmations.

P: Empower us to answer the question with renewed energy and integrity.

L: Who do we say that Jesus is?

P: Name beyond all names, Hope beyond all wishing, Eternal Mystery, Word-made-flesh, Our Redeemer. Jesus asks great things of us, and empowers us for the tasks of discipleship. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. (Silent prayer)

Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who do we say Jesus is? He is the judge of all -- but also the one who was judged. Jesus knew no sin, yet took on the powers of sin for our sake. Let us thank God that through this loving sacrifice we are redeemed and our sins are forgiven. Amen.

✠ **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: *Heavenly Sunlight* G.H. Cook/Arr. M. Hayes

Walking in sunlight, all of my journey;
Over the mountains, through the deep vale;
Jesus has said, "I'll never forsake thee,"
Promise divine that never can fail.

Chorus:

Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight,
Flooding my soul with glory divine:
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing,
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

Shadows around me, shadows above me,
Never conceal my Savior and Guide;
He is the light, in Him is no darkness;
Ever I'm walking close to His side.

In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing,
Pressing my way to mansions above;
Singing His praises, gladly I'm walking,
Walking in sunlight, sunlight of love.

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 16: 13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON What Can Jesus Build Upon Your Name?

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** *Will You Come and Follow Me* 726

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Intermezzo in A Major—Op. 118, No. 2* J. Brahms

****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** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 700

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Praise* G. Martin

✦ **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: The Chulick Family, in honor of Maxine Hobbs.

THE FLOWER ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT is in honor of Fredric Roeming.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:
Marlene Farver.

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 — will not be meeting this week. The class will resume Monday, September 11th.

VALLEY READERS—will discuss *The Foundling*, by Ann Leary on Monday, August 28th at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. Gee Gee Smith will lead the discussion.

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.

JOYFUL SPIRIT ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL – Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

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

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.

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	
July-2023		Through Week 34 (08/20/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 61,506	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	196
Monthly Giving Budget	45,973	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	9,443
*YTD Giving Support	490,605	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	138
*YTD Giving Budget	504,350	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	4,745
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	14,188
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	7,494
<small>* 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</small>			



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