



September 17, 2023

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* Arr. D. Governor

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL, POURING OUT OF WATERS

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

Almighty GOD, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may return to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

835

CALL TO PRAYER

Galatians 6:14

May we never boast of anything except the cross of our Savior Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to us and we to the world.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD of mercy, help us forgive as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in redeeming work. Undaunted you seek the lost and exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us, and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness in Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is joy in the presence of the angels of GOD in every sinner who repents. Brothers and Sisters believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

2nd Kings 5: 1-14

Naaman was general of the army under the king of Aram. He was important to his master, who held him in the highest esteem because it was by him that GOD had given victory to Aram: a truly great man, but afflicted with a grievous skin disease. It so happened that Aram, on one of its raiding expeditions against Israel, captured a young girl who became a maid to Naaman's wife. One day she said to her mistress, "Oh, if only my master could meet the prophet of Samaria, he would be healed of his skin disease."

Naaman went straight to his master and reported what the girl from Israel had said.

"Well then, go," said the king of Aram. "And I'll send a letter of introduction to the king of Israel."

So he went off, taking with him about 750 pounds of silver, 150 pounds of gold, and ten sets of clothes.

Naaman delivered the letter to the king of Israel. The letter read, “When you get this letter, you’ll know that I’ve personally sent my servant Naaman to you; heal him of his skin disease.”

When the king of Israel read the letter, he was terribly upset, ripping his robe to pieces. He said, “Am I a god with the power to bring death or life that I get orders to heal this man from his disease? What’s going on here? That king’s trying to pick a fight, that’s what!”

Elisha the man of God heard what had happened, that the king of Israel was so distressed that he’d ripped his robe to shreds. He sent word to the king, “Why are you so upset, ripping your robe like this? Send him to me so he’ll learn that there’s a prophet in Israel.”

So Naaman with his horses and chariots arrived in style and stopped at Elisha’s door.

Elisha sent out a servant to meet him with this message: “Go to the River Jordan and immerse yourself seven times. Your skin will be healed and you’ll be as good as new.”

Naaman lost his temper. He spun around saying, “I thought he’d personally come out and meet me, call on the name of GOD, wave his hand over the diseased spot, and get rid of the disease. The Damascus rivers, Abana and Pharpar, are cleaner by far than any of the rivers in Israel. Why not bathe in them? I’d at least get clean.” He stomped off, mad as a hornet.

But his servants caught up with him and said, “Father, if the prophet had asked you to do something hard and heroic, wouldn’t you have done it? So why not this simple ‘wash and be clean’?”

So he did it. He went down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven times, following the orders of the Holy Man. His skin was healed; it was like the skin of a little baby. He was as good as new.

Luke 17: 11-19

It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

Taking a good look at them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.”

They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus’ feet, so grateful. He couldn’t thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus said, “Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?” Then he said to him, “Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The God Who Heals”

Misson Co-Workers Kristi & Bob Rice

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**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

825

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation

Arr. M. Hayes,
M. Gaspard

****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**

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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**

Lift High the Cross

826

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

The Silver Trumpet

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: Lesley Bruce, in celebration of Valley Presbyterian Church's Women's Ministries and their first Gathering Luncheon of the year.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:
Dave Appleton.

TODAY IS YOUTH ON THEIR OWN SUNDAY—We are collecting items for YOTO Mini Mall, please place item in the bin outside the Spiritual Life Center.

OPEN HOUSE FOR BOB & KRISTI RICE— Today, 2:00-4:00p.m. at Pastor Craig and Judy Lindsey’s home. 4151 S. Westcotta Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85622, down Camino del Sol behind the Coyote Grill.

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

BIBLE REFLECTIONS — Monday at 1:00 p.m., in Classroom 5, studying Luke 14.

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 - Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

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

CHOIR REHEARSAL— Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

THE BOOK—The Story of God Continues Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

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.

We are glad you have joined us today.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
August-2023		Through Week 37 (09/10/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 47,540	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	191
Monthly Giving Budget	39,966	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	10,015
*YTD Giving Support	538,145	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	78
*YTD Giving Budget	544,316	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	5,033
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	15,048
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	7,978
* 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			



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