



January 15, 2023
Mission Sunday

PRELUDE *Lamb of God* T. Paris/Transcribed for Organ: W. Moulton

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Craig

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezra 3:10-13

Jim Fitzpatrick

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel. With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD:

“He is good;
his love toward Israel endures forever.”

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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CALL TO PRAYER

Ed Storey

L: The Word of God became flesh and lived among us!

P: We have seen his glory.

L: To all who receive him

P: He gives power to become Children of God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kay Brouwer

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Like Christ’s first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship and forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ed Storey

GOD's mercy is an unexpected miracle. May we believe and obey, that we will be filled with the wine of new life as promised in the power of Jesus Christ. 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:

I Must Tell Jesus E. Hoffman/Arr. L. Larson
Linda Freeman, Soloist

I must tell Jesus all of my trials,
I cannot bear these burdens alone.
In my distress he kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own.
I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior,
One who can help my burdens to bear.
I must tell Jesus, He all my cares and sorrows will share.
I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

Oh how the world to evil allures me!
O how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus and He will help me
Over the world the victory to win!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Diane

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

John 1: 19-42

Behold, now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know.

This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What are you seeking?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

✠ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✠ **HYMN** *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak* 519

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✠ **POSTLUDE** *Improvisation on 'li est né'* M. Joseph

✠ **All those who are able, please stand**

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Linda Hester, in memory of her mother, Betty Ratzsch.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

THE GRACE OF LES MISÉRABLES, Monday, at 10 a.m. in Classroom 5. Les Misérables is a masterpiece steeped in Christian imagery. The story invites us to see what happens when grace and justice collide. Your teacher is Eloise Frederickson.

THE QUILTING GROUP— MONDAY, 9:30—2:00 PM The group will also enjoy a pot-luck around noon with all participants.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, AT 1:00 P.M. This week: Genesis 46.

RUTH CIRCLE—MONDAY, JANUARY 16, AT 4:00 P.M.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JESUS THE MESSIAH – TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. IN CLASSROOM 5. Join Bud Landry as you explore the Temple: Its Ministry and Services as they Were at the Time of Jesus Christ.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON– TUESDAY AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. Join us as we share the memories of aprons we have used and cherished. Anne Morrison will share a bit of history of aprons and may even award a prize or two! Your \$11.00 reservation can be made at the Women’s Ministries table TODAY.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, AT 9:00 A.M. IN CLASSROOM 1.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: Thursday, January 19th at 1:00 p.m. This week: The book of Nehemiah.

SPECIAL PATIO SALE SORT, THURSDAY AT 9:00 A.M., The Patio Sale will have a Lamp party in Classroom 1 and Fellowship Hall.

BEGINNING LINE DANCE, THURSDAY AT 3:00 P.M. In Fellowship Hall.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
December-2022		Through Week 2 (01/08/2023)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 62,571	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	362
Monthly Giving Budget	59,679	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	594
*YTD Giving Support	714,324	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	112
*YTD Giving Budget	737,246	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	263
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	857
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	413
<p>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dx38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p>			

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.



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