



October 1, 2023

Sacrament of Communion

PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together* Arr. D.E. Wagner

POURING OUT OF WATERS/PASSING THE PEACE Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL/CHOIR PROCESSION

INTROIT *Surely the Presence*

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 angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 18: 17-23

Pastor Diane

Moses' father-in-law, Jethro Priest of Midian, witnessed how morning till evening Moses sat in judgement of everyone's disputes, and to inform them of GOD's decrees and laws. He responded to Moses, "What you are doing is not good! You and these people will wear each other out. Listen to me, and may GOD be with you. You must be the people's representative before GOD, bringing their disputes before GOD. Teach them the LORD's decrees and show them the way to live. Select capable leaders from among the people, those who fear GOD, trustworthy people who hate dishonesty, and appoint them over thousands, over hundreds, over fifties and over tens, to serve as leaders. Simple cases they can decide. If you do this and GOD so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

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CALL TO PRAYER

Exodus 17: 1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the desert, but there was no water for the people, so they quarreled with Moses saying "Give us water to drink." Moses replied "Why do you quarrel with me? Why put the LORD to the test?" Then Moses cried out to GOD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people, take with you some of the elders of Israel, take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand before you at the Rock at Horeb. Strike the rock when I tell you and water will come out for the people to drink. So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel, and he called the place "Massah" and "Meribah", because they "quarreled" and "tested" the LORD, saying "Is the LORD among us, or not?"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgement, and light rises in darkness for the godly: Grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask “What you would have us do?”; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see the light, in your straight path may we not stumble. Grant us to not be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient earthly things, to hold fast to those spiritual things which shall endure, through Jesus Christ our LORD.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You know the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, that though he was divine, yet for our sake became poor, so that by his humility you might become closer to GOD. 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 His Sacrifice

D. Lantz III

Hands of Jesus, hands divine, serve us with your bread and wine.
Feed our hearts with heaven's food. Fill our souls with all that's
good.

Eyes of Jesus, help us find grace and mercy for the blind.
Show us how to share your Word with a soul who's never heard.

Broken body, blood outpoured, offered up by Christ, our Lord.
Willingly, He paid the price. Come and share His sacrifice.

Hearts of Jesus, may I live as You require, my all to give.
May Your heart now beat through mine while at Your table now I
dine.
Come, share His sacrifice.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21: 23-32

Then he was back in the Temple, teaching. The high priests and leaders of the people came up and demanded, "Show us your credentials. Who authorized you to teach here?"

Jesus responded, "First let me ask you a question. You answer my question and I'll answer yours. About the baptism of John—who authorized it: heaven or humans?"

They were on the spot and knew it. They pulled back into a huddle and whispered, "If we say 'heaven,' he'll ask us why we didn't believe him; if we say 'humans,' we're up against it with the people because they all hold John up as a prophet." They decided to concede that round to Jesus. "We don't know," they answered.

Jesus said, "Then neither will I answer your question.

"Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.'

“The son answered, ‘I don’t want to.’ Later on he thought better of it and went.

“The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, ‘Sure, glad to.’ But he never went.

“Which of the two sons did what the father asked?”

They said, “The first.”

Jesus said, “Yes, and I tell you that crooks and whores are going to precede you into God’s kingdom. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and whores believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn’t care enough to change and believe him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON “BY WHAT AUTHORITY”

⌞ HYMN *One Bread, One Body* 530

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *As The Deer* with "The Swan" by Saint-Saens

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 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

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.**

Word of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold your elements until all may receive together)

⌄ HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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⌄ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌄ POSTLUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Arr. M. Gaspard

⌄ **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: Timothy & Bonnie Wollin,
In celebration of our October 3rd Birthdays.

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

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

THIS WEEK:

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Please join Pastor Craig Monday, October 2 at
1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. We begin Luke 16:10.
Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

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

THE END TIMES— ACCORDING TO JESUS—Selected Topics—Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. Your teacher is Bud Landry.

JOYFUL SPIRIT ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL—Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Wednesdays, at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. They are studying 1 Thessalonians. All are welcome.

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Wednesday October 4, at 8:00 a.m., under the solar panels.

Movie Ministry *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*—Wednesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Eloise Fredrickson will be the facilitator.

FAITH OF A MOCKINGBIRD – Thursday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Eloise Fredrickson will be your teacher.

THE BOOK – THE STORY OF GOD – Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in classroom 5. This week's study – Romans. Your teachers Pastor Diane and Chuck Ramsay.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS— begins Saturday, October 7. Contact Pastor Diane to register. Pastordiane@valleypres.net, 520-625-5023.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
August-2023		Through Week 39 (09/24/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 47,540	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	177
Monthly Giving Budget	39,966	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	10,346
*YTD Giving Support	538,145	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	79
*YTD Giving Budget	544,316	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	5,209
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	15,555
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	8,346
* 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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