



October 15, 2023

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

POURING OUT OF WATERS/PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL/CHORAL PROCESSION Pastor Diane

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

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine, the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the disgrace of people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day, they will say, "Surely, this is our God! We trusted in him and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him! Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* 503

CALL TO PRAYER

Isaiah 25: 10-12

The hand of the LORD will rest upon this mountain; but Moab will be trampled under him as straw is trampled down in the manure. They will spread out their hands in it, as a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim. God will bring down their pride despite the cleverness of their hands. He will bring down your high fortified walls and lay them low. He will bring them down to the ground, to the very dust.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty GOD, in our Baptism we were adopted as your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that being renewed in body and mind we may worship you in truth with sincerity. In Jesus Christ, you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that through temptation leads to destruction; guide us to paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, obeying your will, we

may know the joy of being your disciples. Show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires, how to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the life you have provided for us through Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of love. God is love! Those who abide in love, abide in God, and God abides in them. 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Kurt Hargleroad, Soloist R. Robertson/ M. Hayes

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 22: 1-14

Jesus responded by telling still more stories. “God’s kingdom,” he said, “is like a king who threw a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out servants to call in all the invited guests. And they wouldn’t come!

“He sent out another round of servants, instructing them to tell the guests, ‘Look, everything is on the table, the fattened calf is ready for carving. Come to the feast!’

“They only shrugged their shoulders and went off, one to weed his garden, another to work in his shop. The rest, with nothing better to do, beat up on the messengers and then killed them. The king was outraged and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city.

“Then he told his servants, ‘We have a wedding banquet all prepared but no guests. The ones I invited did not want to come. Go out to the street corners and invite anyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ The servants went out on the streets and rounded up everyone they laid eyes on, good and bad, regardless. And so the wedding banquet was on—every place filled.

“When the king entered and looked over the scene, he spotted a man without a wedding garment. He said to him, ‘Friend, how dare you come in here looking like that!’ The man was speechless. Then the king told his servants, ‘Get him out of here. Tie him hand and foot and throw him outside where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.’

“For many of invited, but few are chosen.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Provocative Parable”

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

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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**

What Is the World Like

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Creation is Singing* (Dedicated to our Pat Nau)

M. Hayes, P. Marten

The sun is singing the earth to life,
And music is heard on the breeze.
Every river is singing a song
And dancing its way to the sea.
The canyons echo the eagle's voice.
The meadow is singing along.
The ocean waves clap their mighty hands.
Creation is filled with the song.

One voice raised in chorus, one song that we sing,
One dance of creation, one glad offering,
One breath moving through us, one praise filling all,
One source of our being, creation is singing:

"You are the source of our song."
All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and Heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

****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** *O Word of God Incarnate* 459

⌄ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

⌄ **POSTLUDE** *I'll Fly Away* Albert E. Brumley

⌄ All those who are able, please stand

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Jan Farrington, in memory of Dan Farrington.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

THIS WEEK:

PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISES—Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall.

MISSION QUILTERS—Monday at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS — Monday, at 1:00 p.m., in Classroom 5, studying Luke 18:9.

RUTH CIRCLE – Monday, at 3:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

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.

YOGA WITH JOSIE – Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall.

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

JOYFUL SPIRIT ENSEMBLE - Tuesdays, 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 WITH MIA COOPER— Wednesdays, at 9:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 5.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Wednesday, at 12:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

BELLS REHEARSAL – Wednesday, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

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

FAITH OF A MOCKINGBIRD - Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. Your teacher is Eloise Fredrickson.

THE BOOK—The Story of God Continues Thursday, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. They will be studying Galatians.

PLANNING COMMITTEE—Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1.

FAITH FORMATION – Friday, at 8:00 a.m. in Classroom 5.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS—Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 5.

SIGNUP FOR SUPPER CLUSTERS - Starting this Sunday through November in the Fellowship Hall after Worship.

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			

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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