



October 8, 2023

PRELUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee with Ave Verum* Arr. A.L. Page

POURING OUT OF WATERS

Pastor Diane

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST /RINGING THE BOWL

CHORAL 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

Pastor Craig

L: Let us worship God.

P: God is our refuge and our fortress in whom we trust.

L: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised Christ from the dead.

P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

L: Let us call upon our true God, believing in our hearts, confessing with our mouths, worshiping in spirit and in truth.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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CALL TO PRAYER

We are good at rules: making them and then breaking them. Paul reminds us that, when we gain Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we receive exactly what we need—forgiveness, grace, hope. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might know God's healing love for us!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace. Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

M. Kellner

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shall be;
Evermore shall be!

Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Only Thou art holy.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

Philippians 3: 4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet

to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

To Know Christ

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

L: Do you know Jesus?

P: We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father; God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

L: Do you know Jesus?

P: For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again, in fulfillment of the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

L: Do you know Jesus?

P: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

L: Do you know Jesus like this?

✠ **HYMN**

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah with Eine Kleine
Nachtmusik - Allegro* by W.A. Mozart

Arr. D.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 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 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* 837
(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *Psalm XIX* B. Marcello

✠ All those who are able, please stand

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: James and Cheryl Conner, in Memory of Don and Lee Conner's Wedding Anniversary.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR

Beth Phillips on Friday, October 13th, at 11:00 a.m.
in the Spiritual Life Center.

Fred Roeming on Saturday, October 14th at 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK:

BIBLE REFLECTIONS — Monday, at 1:00 p.m., in Classroom 5, studying Luke 17: 11.

MISSION COMMITTEE—Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. in Classroom 1.

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.

FAITH FORMATION – Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 5.

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.

DEACON MEETING—Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 5.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING—Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

MIRIAM CIRCLE—Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 1.

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE—Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

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

THE PATIO SALE SORT— Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 II Corinthians.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING—Friday at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 5.

GOOD TIMES—Fellowship Event Friday at 5:00 p.m. at GVR West Center. Please bring finger-food to share and a beverage of your choice.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS—Saturday at 9:30 a.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.



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