



November 12, 2023

PRELUDE

All Good Gifts
Brach Drew, Vocalist

S. Schwartz

(As the Pastors enter, please lower your speaking as many use this as a time for prayer.)

POURING OUT OF WATERS/PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Diane

RINGING THE BOWL/CHOIR PROCESSION

Pastor Craig

INTROIT

As the Deer

626

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock, who turns the parched earth into springs of water, who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

P: As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.

L: Come, let's worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 610

CALL TO PRAYER

Today's scripture says that those who turn to the Lord, God will have mercy on them and freely pardon. Having heard these words, let us pray our prayer of confession together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You bless us richly with love that knows no bounds, with peace that passes all understanding. Yet, failing to trust your goodness, we turn elsewhere for love, seeking solace from our reputations, our image or our possessions. Even in our best efforts, we come up short; forgive us. Loving Savior, teach us once again to follow you. Show us how to drink deeply from God's well of abundance, that we might trust your divine ways. (Silent prayer)
Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and to emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✠ **GLORIA PATRI**

581

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 *Down by the Riverside/Standing in the Need of Prayer*

Arr. M. McDonald

Gonna lay down by burden down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside.
It's me, it's me, O Lord!

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

Isaiah 55: 1-9

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;

and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.

See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.

Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor.”

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “DIVE-IN DISCIPLESHIP”

FAITH RESPONSE Prayer Shawl Ministry

✠ **HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 475

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Guide Me To Thee* Arr. S. Nelson
Brach Drew, Vocalist

****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 as well. Our Pastors and 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 *Guide My Feet* 741

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Major* J.S. Bach

✠ All those who are able, please stand.

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Sara Hennigar,
In loving memory of her husband, Bill, and by Lady Rain, thanking
the people at the Celtic Festival for their kindness.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN
REHABILITATION:** Judy Clark, Gail Barker, and Marie Valade.

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

THIS WEEK:

PHIL GREEN CELEBRATION OF LIFE—Sunday, November 12, 1:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center.

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

OVERCOMING DEPRESSION—Monday at 9:30 in Classroom 5.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Monday, 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. Luke 20:41.

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

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

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

WOMEN’S MINISTRY LUNCHEON— Tuesday, November 14, 11:30a.m. Registration today in the Fellowship Hall.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF— Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

DOROTHY FOUCHER MEMORIAL— Tuesday, November 14, 3:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center.

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

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY— Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1.

CARDIO DRUMMING—Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

BELLS REHEARSAL—Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL—Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

THE BOOK – THE STORY OF GOD – Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

PLANNING COMMITTEE— Thursday, November 16, 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—November 19, immediately after Worship service to elect new Elders, Deacons and Nominating Committee.

MISSION BREAKFAST—Saturday, November 18, 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5. each. Come learn more about Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers.

STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATION TABLE— To ask questions you have wondered about and learn things that you haven't thought about, visit the Stephen Ministry table in the Charter Hall after Worship.

MUSIC IN THE VALLEY – Tickets on sale today in Fellowship Hall. \$20 Individual concerts, or \$70 for Season Tickets (4 concerts)

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT VPC—Thursday, November 23rd, 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up after Worship. Must register so we have an accurate account.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
September-2023		Through Week 45 (11/05/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 53,897	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	263
Monthly Giving Budget	42,472	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	11,707
*YTD Giving Support	592,097	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	94
*YTD Giving Budget	586,788	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	5,886
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	17,593
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	9,675
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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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