



November 19, 2023

PRELUDE *Wait 'Til You See Me in My New Home*
Maureen Ramsay, Pianist J. Parks/Arr. Roger Bennett

(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 Craig

RINGING THE BOWL/CHOIR 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

Joshua assembled all of the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the Elders, Judges and Officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before GOD. Joshua said to all the people, “Fear the Lord and serve the LORD with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. If serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Canaanites in whose land you are now living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

✠ OPENING HYMN

We Gather Together

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CALL TO PRAYER

Woe to you who long for the Day of the LORD! Why do you long for the Day of the LORD? It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-living GOD, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are GOD. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve You in all we do. None can make void your sovereign purposes. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done. Stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, steady our hearts in time of trial, granting us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, Son of the living GOD. (Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GOD will not listen to the noise of songs, to the music of harps. But let justice roll down like water, righteousness like a never-failing stream. 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

Here I Am, Lord

Arr. A. Sherman

Valley Ringers and Chancel Choir

Here I Am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24: 3; 25: 14-18

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"THANKSGIVING: THE DAY OF THE LORD"

✠ HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

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THE AFFIRMATION 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, died, 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

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Dale Honermann, in celebration of Jana's Birthday.

THE FLOWER ON THE BAPTISMAL is in honor of Marilyn Walters who passed on October 6, 2023.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:
Dale Honermann, Pat McFarland

TODAY IS YOUTH ON THEIR OWN SUNDAY. Please bring your donations to the cart by the Spiritual Life Center.

NOVEMBER IS "SUPPORT AN ORPHAN CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS" MONTH. The Mission Committee is coordinating a visit to the "Home for Children" in Nogales, Sonora MX providing gifts to each child/adult. See Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall Nov 19 and 26 to select your child/adult to support and sign-up for the Dec 9th trip to witness the children opening their Christmas gifts. Help "*make a difference*" – support a child for Christmas.

THIS WEEK:

PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISES—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 9:00 a.m.

MISSION QUILTERS—Monday, at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

YOGA WITH JOSIE— Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Charter Hall.

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

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

BELLS REHEARSAL—Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

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

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

Thanksgiving Dinner at VPC—Thursday, November 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We have sold out for this event.

Our office is closed Thursday and Friday this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
October-2023		Through Week 46 (11/12/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 52,364	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	297
Monthly Giving Budget	61,839	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	12,004
*YTD Giving Support	644,071	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	217
*YTD Giving Budget	647,820	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	6,103
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	18,107
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	9,945
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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.

SERMON NOTES



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