



November 26, 2023
Christ The King Sunday

PRELUDE *My Inward Joys Burst Into Song* (From the Sacred Heart)
Joyful Spirit Ensemble William Billings/ Arr. David Bowen

*(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

Almighty and everlasting GOD, whose will is to reconcile all things through your beloved Son, our Lord and King. Grant that the people of Creation, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and redeemed, and brought together under his sacrifice and gentle rule.

✠ OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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CALL TO PRAYER

L: The Revelation proclaims: “Day and night, round the Throne of the Lamb, they never stop singing: Choir: *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!*

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, who was rejected, our Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us through his death, the victory that crowns the ages, who in his broken body provided love that binds heaven and earth. By your Spirit, empower us to love the unloved, to minister to all who are in need. We pray that at the last you will bring us into your eternal realm, where we may worship and adore you, welcomed into your everlasting joy! We ask all this through your Son, our LORD Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Great is the mystery of faith. We remember his presence, his life and death. We profess and proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory! 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

Days of Elijah

Arr. J. Schrader

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored

And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold, He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, the year of jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise

Oh, these are the days of the harvest
For the fields are as white in Your world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord!

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

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-16, 20-24

“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the fattened and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them justice.

“Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Matthew 25: 31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “SHEEP AND GOATS AND THE SHEPHERD”

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed 34
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

✠ **HYMN** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* 108

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* C. Gabarrain
Joyful Spirt Ensemble

****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** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* 263

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ **POSTLUDE**

Fugue in D Major

J.S. Bach

✦ **All those who are able, please stand**

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Rick and Pat Nau, in honor of their Anniversary.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:
Carol Stephens.

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 November 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.

VALLEY READERS—Monday, at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus. Please join us for a discussion led

by Carol Willie.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Monday, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. Luke 22:39.

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. \$5.00 a class.

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

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

VALLEY RINGERS 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)


THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES—taught by Marie Valade, Thursdays, November 30th to December 21st at 10:00 a.m. in classroom 5. Books are available for pick up on Sunday November 26th in the office, or in class.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
October-2023		Through Week 47 (11/19/2023)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 52,364	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	265
Monthly Giving Budget	61,839	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	12,269
*YTD Giving Support	644,071	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	99
*YTD Giving Budget	647,820	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	6,202
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	18,471
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	10,196
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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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