



**February 12, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**PRELUDE**

*Spirit Trail*  
Joyful Spirit Ensemble

Carl Orff

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Pastor Craig

**POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**RINGING THE BOWL**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good. God's love endures forever.

## ✠ OPENING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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## CALL TO PRAYER

L: Happy are those whose way is blameless,

**P: Who walk in communion with the LORD.**

L: Happy are those who keep the LORD's decrees,

**P: Who seek the LORD with their whole heart.**

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, You gave the Law as a guide for our lives, to train and disciple as your children entered cultures and worlds foreign to us.**

**May we never shrink from your commandments, but as we listen to the teaching of Jesus, may we grow into a relationship of perfect love.**

**You commanded us to love our enemies, to be compassionate to those who hate us. May we never be content with the affections of those who love us, but reach out in love to all your children. You know that we are apt to bring back the troubles of yesterday, and to forecast the troubles of tomorrow. Grant us grace to cut through fears and anxieties, as our Savior commanded, that today and every day we may live in peace through Jesus Christ our LORD.**

*(Silent prayer) Amen*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice and leap for joy, for surely our reward is great in heaven! 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** *I'll Fly Away* A.E. Brumley/Arr. C. Courtney

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.  
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.  
I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.  
I'll fly away.

**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**

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

See, I set before you this day life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you this day to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Matthew 5: 21-24

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who speaks to a brother or sister, with contempt is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "THE TELLTALE HEART"

✠ **HYMN** *God Is Calling through the Whisper* 410

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *The Lone Wild Bird* H.R. McFayden  
Flute, Ellen Entwistle, Guitar, Joan Dakin

*\* 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 front of you and place it in the offertory. Our Pastors and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your request. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well.*

✠ **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** *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* 163

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **POSTLUDE** *Pater Noster* W. Zachau

✦ All those who are able, please stand

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**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY:** Connie Jarvis, in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

**THE FLOWER ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT** is in honor of Arleen Boyuls.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:**

Dave Tompkins

**THIS WEEK:**

**THE GRACE OF LES MISÉRABLES**, Monday, February 13th, at 10 a.m. in Classroom 5. Join Eloise Frederickson as she covers *“The Blessed Garden: A Hopeful Vision”*

**BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, AT 1:00 P.M.** This week: Exodus 7.

**YOGA** – Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.

**JESUS’ LAST DAYS**—Tuesday, February 14th at 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. This class runs February 14-28, and continues again on March 14th. The class focuses on Sacrifices: their order and their meaning.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY**-Wednesday, February 1st, at 9:00 a.m. in classroom 1. Their focus is on Ephesians.

**THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD:** Thursday, at 1:00 p.m. This week: The book of Proverbs.

**BEGINNING LINE DANCE**, Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**EMPTY BOWLS**—Valley Assistance Services will hold an Empty Bowl Event on Saturday, February 18th with walk-through times every 30 minutes from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets are available for \$25 per person after the service today.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2nd Annual Charitable Giving Forum**—Sunday February 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Learn about gifting assets, Tax free IRA distributions, etc. A light meal will be served following the forum. Pick up your free ticket in Fellowship Hall after the Service.

**Friendship Kettle Dinner**—Sunday February 19 at 5:00 pm, featuring Gerald Carrell with a hint of Hawaii. Tickets \$15.

**MISSION QUILTERS w/ POT-LUCK**—Monday, February 20th at 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**RUTH CIRCLE**—Monday, February 20th, at 4:00 p.m.

**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON & PATIO SALE STYLE SHOW**—Tuesday, February 21st at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**CHOCOLATE FAT TUESDAY**—Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Finish the pre-Lenten season with an evening of chocolate and friends. Bring your favorite chocolate food to share with others.

**ASH WEDNESDAY—DRIVE BY ASHES**—Wednesday, February 22nd 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**—February 22nd 4:00—5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center.

**SEVEN WORDS—LISTENING TO CHRIST FROM THE CROSS.** Thursday, February 23rd at 10:00-11:00a.m. in the Sweet Family Room. Taught by Marie Valade.

**YOUTH ON THEIR OWN MINI MALL NEEDS:** Canned chicken, Ramen Noodles. Contact Mary Horn at (520) 282-1390 for more information.

**Lent (the 40 days before Easter) begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.** Here is what we offer to guide you through this beautiful season of Lent:

- Free Lenten Devotionals, with readings for each day in Lent, will be available beginning next Sunday, February 19th at the Welcome Centers.
- Drive by Ashes on Wednesday, February 22nd near the fountain, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday worship service, February 22nd in the sanctuary at 4 p.m.
- A Lenten class: *Seven Words – Listening to Christ from the Cross.* Thursdays at 10 a.m. Books (\$10) will be available on Sunday, February 19th after worship.



VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
December-2022		Through Week 6 (02/05/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 62,571	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	398
Monthly Giving Budget	59,679	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	2,017
*YTD Giving Support	714,324	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	126
*YTD Giving Budget	737,246	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	995
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	3,012
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	1,441
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - <a href="mailto:steveginader@gmail.com">steveginader@gmail.com</a> - 952-687-1879    2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p>			

**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](http://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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