



**February 19, 2023**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**PRELUDE**                    *For the Beauty of the Earth*                    C. Kocher/Arr. D. Mallory  
Valley Ringers

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

**RINGING THE BOWL**                    Pastor Craig

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L.    God said "This is my Son, the Beloved."

**P.    Let us worship you, O beloved God. Alleluia!**

L.    God said, "Listen!"

**P.    This is the Son, the Beloved; may we listen to him!**

L.    We are the disciples of Christ Jesus;

**P.    May we follow the One who leads us into life.**

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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**CALL TO PRAYER**

In the transfiguration story, Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. So let us confess before God and one another.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. (Silent prayer) Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story, and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too we are God's beloved people. 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**

*The First Song of Isaiah*

J.N. White

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And he will be my Savior.

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing  
From the springs of salvation.  
And on that day, you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord,  
And call upon his Name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
See that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
And this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, Ring out your joy,  
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Amen.

### **Pastoral Prayer/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**

Exodus 24: 12-19

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we

come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17: 1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“OUT OF THE CLOUDS”

**HYMN**

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      The Apostle’s Creed

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 the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*From a Distant Home*      Isla Del Encanto, Trad.  
Puerto Rican Tune/ Arr. M. Helman  
Valley Ringers

*\* 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**

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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.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✠ **HYMN**

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

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✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✠ **POSTLUDE**

*Hyfrodol*

H. Willan

✠ All those who are able, please stand

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**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY:** Lesley Bruce, in celebration of Joe's 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:** Jim Penney.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** – are available at the welcome centers and in the office starting today.

### **COMING UP:**

**BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, AT 1:00 P.M.** This week:  
Exodus 13.

**MISSION QUILTERS WITH POTLUCK—** Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**RUTH CIRCLE** -Women's Bible study meet in room 5, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

**CHOCOLATE FAT TUESDAY** – February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**-Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in classroom 1.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** -Drive by Ashes February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** - February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**YOTO INSPIRATIONAL CARD MAKING**—will meet this Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Classroom 5 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to come!

**SEVEN WORDS – LISTENING TO CHRIST FROM THE CROSS.** Thursdays, in Lent starting February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. It is actually the seven last utterances of Jesus as he hung on the cross. Your teacher, Marie Valade. The first class is in the Sweet Family Room. Study guides are \$10 and are available in the Fellowship Hall.

**CREATIVE HANDS**—Knitting, sewing walker bags, and creating quilts meets February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in classroom 1.


**THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD:** Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. This week: The book of Ecclesiastes.

**BEGINNING LINE DANCE, THURSDAY AT 3:00 P.M.** In Fellowship Hall.

**SNACK SACKS FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS**—Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall before and after worship. Continues thru March 12<sup>th</sup>. A list of items available in the Narthex. Monetary donations also welcome.



VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
January-2023		Through Week 7 (02/12/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 90,498	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	335
Monthly Giving Budget	105,755	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	2,352
*YTD Giving Support	90,498	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	139
*YTD Giving Budget	105,755	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	1,134
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	3,486
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	1,738
* YTD = Year to Date      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service			
S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879    2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

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**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.