



February 26, 2023
The 1st Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

Sacred Realms
English Horn: Pam Coggins

J. M. Stevens

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Craig

RINGING THE BOWL

Pastor Diane

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The sacrifice acceptable to GOD is a yielding spirit. A broken and contrite heart, GOD will not turn away.

P: Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

O for a World

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THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Don Bradford
Judy Comstock
Rick Gentis
Jean Hicks
Dee Kucera
Paula Menefee

Mary Bradford
David Egan
Nelson Hahn
Roger Hicks
Kathy Knoop
Janet Plake

Jim Brownlee
Kandi Gentis
Sharon Hahn
Bill Kucera
Lois Nicholson
Ken Plake

✠ **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 Choose You
Pan Coggins, Oboe

D. Governor

When I am weak and heavy laden,
Christ comes to me and I can hear Him say,
"Lean on me, I am your refuge;
Trust in me and do not be afraid.
(Chorus)
I choose you to be My beloved,
I choose you to be My joy.
I choose you to live with Me forever;
I choose you."

When days are dark and nights seem endless;
When I am lost and cannot find my way,
Christ is my light, my hope, my comfort,
I call on Him and then I hear Him say,
(Chorus)
"I choose you."

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

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “THE TEMPTATIONS”

✠ **HYMN** *The Glory of These Forty Days* 165

✠ **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 *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Has Thou Offended* H. Walcha

** 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠ **HYMN** *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* 166

✠ **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**

Postlude in D Major

J.M. Stevens

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

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Jerry & Carol Wilhems in memory of founding charter members and parents, Robert E. & Sarah M. Wearly, and daughter Julie.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION: Don Brooks, Judy Christensen.

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

THIS WEEK:

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, AT 1:00 P.M. This week:
Exodus 13.

VALLEY READERS – Monday, February 27th at 2:00 p.m. in Room 1. Book:
Once Upon a Town, by Bob Greene.

JESUS' LAST DAYS—Tuesday, February 28th at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5 Bud Landry is the teacher. This week: The week of Nisan 8th to 16th, AD 33.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-Wednesday, March 1st, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1.

LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE—Wednesday, March 1st at 5:00 p.m., followed by Lenten Soup and Bread at 5:30 p.m.

SEVEN WORDS – LISTENING TO CHRIST FROM THE CROSS. Thursdays, during Lent at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. 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.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: Thursday, March 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1. This week: The book of Song of Solomon.

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

SNACK SACKS FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS—continues in Fellowship Hall before and after services, continuing through March 12. A list of needed items is available on the Welcome tables in the Narthex. Monetary donations also welcome for purchase of needed items. Our goal is to do at least 200 sacks as last year.

COMING UP:

PATIO SALE PREP—March 3-9, 2023. All rooms will be used with the exception of the Sanctuary.

PATIO SALE—March 9, 10, 8:00-3:00 pm, and March 11, 8:00-12:00p.m. We hope you will join us. Proceeds go to Mission.

ORGAN INSTALLATION/PREP: March 3-12th in the Sanctuary.

| VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics | | | |
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| Monthly Giving Support Contributions | | Weekly Attendance / Viewing | |
| January-2023 | | Through Week 8 (02/19/23) | |
| Monthly Giving Support | \$ 90,498 | Weekly Attendance Sanctuary | 371 |
| Monthly Giving Budget | 105,755 | * YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary | 2,723 |
| *YTD Giving Support | 90,498 | ** Weekly Viewing On-Line | 155 |
| *YTD Giving Budget | 105,755 | ** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line | 1,289 |
| | | * YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line | 4,012 |
| | | * YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary | 2,045 |
| <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 - steveginader@gmail.com - 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 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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