



**March 12, 2023
Order of Worship**

PRELUDE *Prayer of St. Francis* Arr. J. Raney

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

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Chuck Ramsay

L: Good morning, saints. Good morning, sinners.

P: Good morning, saint. Good morning, sinner.

L: Let us turn our eyes towards Jerusalem.

P: Let us remember what Christ endured for us there.

L: Let us reaffirm our full faith in him.

P: We believe that in Christ, we are not victims, but victors.

L: We believe that, in Christ, we are not a lonely people but a joyous, confident, purposeful people.

ALL: As children of the one, true God we have come here to worship.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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CALL TO PRAYER

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8) Having heard these words, we express our confession together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have failed as your church, O God. You call us to live faithfully, act justly and bring peace to the earth. Instead, our lives and your church reflect more of our needs and worries and less of the needs and worries of all peoples. Move us beyond ourselves to hear the cry of the world and to respond with acts and deeds of kindness, mercy and justice. May your grace shine through this church even with its shortcomings. (silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We, who do not know all there is to know about God, do know this about God’s attitude toward us: that God loves us, forgives us, and acts to save us. Friends, 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 *I Am No Longer On My Own* M. McDonald

I am no longer my own,
I am no longer my own, but yours!
Put me to what you will, thank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for you, laid aside for you,
be exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely yield all things.

And now glorious, blessed God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit,
You are mine and I am yours. So be it!
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

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Basics”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? **We believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? **We believe and trust in the Son.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in God's Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith; we believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* 829

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *What Wondrous Love is This* Arr. J. Raney

**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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ **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.

✠ **HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and He will be my Savior.

✠ **POSTLUDE**

Selected

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

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All the Patio Sale Volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS - are available at the welcome center and in the
office.

THIS WEEK:

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—is cancelled this week, but will resume next week, Monday, March 20th, at 1:00 p.m. Next week: Exodus 19.

JESUS' LAST DAYS—Tuesday, March 14th, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5. Bud Landry is the teacher.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-Wednesday, March 15th, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1.

LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE—Wednesday, March 15th, 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 church office.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: Thursday, March 16th at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5. This week: Isaiah.

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES - March 21st at 11:30 a.m., featuring the Animal League of Green Valley. Please register so we have an accurate count. This is a potluck luncheon featuring your favorite family recipe, or a dish that you tasted on an exotic vacation.

MISSION BREAKFAST—Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Featured speaker—Alejandra Martinez, Director of

Crossroads Mission. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale this week.

SNACK SACKS FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS—Final collection of food items for the Homeless Snack Sacks is today. We will be assembling the sacs on 4/11/23 in Classroom 1 after the Mission Meeting, at approximately 10:45 a.m. Please join us in assembling the bags.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
February-2023		Through Week 10 (03/05/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 59,625	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	371
Monthly Giving Budget	91,185	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	3,446
*YTD Giving Support	150,228	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	124
*YTD Giving Budget	196,940	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	1,603
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	5,049
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	2,667
<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.

NOTES FROM TODAY'S SERMON



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