



2nd Sunday amid Lent
March 5, 2023
Communion

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Robert Marshall, Cello

H.L. Hassler/
Arr. J. Raney

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

Pastor Diane

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 9: 23

Pastor Craig

If any wish to become my followers, they deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.

CALL TO PRAYER

According to Isaiah, GOD said, Is not this the fast I choose, to loose the bonds of injustice,

P: to share bread with the hungry,

L: to bring the homeless into your home,

P: when others are naked to clothe them?

L: Then light shall break forth like the dawn,

P: And healing shall spring up quickly.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O LORD, you formed us in your image, to love and serve, but we neglected your promises and ignored your commandments; still, in your mercy, you did not reject us but reclaimed us as your own. When slaves in Egypt, you reclaimed those who cried out to you, freeing us by leading us out through the sea. In the wilderness, you fed us heavenly food, satisfied thirst in desert springs. On your holy mountain, you gave us your law, to guide and shape us in your image. Through waters of the Jordan, you led us into the promised land, ever sustaining us in times of trial. You spoke through prophets, calling us to turn from selfish ways to new obedience and righteousness. You sent your own child to be our pioneer and perfecter, reclaimed in everlasting life. We killed him, buried him, believing him/you vanquished, still, you did not reject us but reclaimed us through Jesus Christ to be your own.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful from every time and place, we profess:

P: Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might, all heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest.

L: Brothers and Sisters believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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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 *Behold the Lamb(Communion Hymn)* K. Getty, S. Townend/
Arr. D. Nolan

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember. The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign. Of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you eat and remember.
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life;
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember. He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign
Of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to
remember. Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on
earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: "Christ will come
again! "And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the
King.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a
member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and
said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God.
For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with
him."

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God
unless they are born again."

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked.
"Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to
be born!"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of
God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to
flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at
my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it
pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or
where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON

“RECLAIMED ANEW”

✠ **HYMN**

What Wonderful Love Is This

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Vocalise Op. 34, No. 14
Robert Marshall, Cello

S. Rachmainoff/
Arr. B. Ellis

**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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold your elements until all may receive together)

✠ **HYMN** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* 216

✠ **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** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Arr. C. Cahallan

✠ **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: Steven & Nona Larson, In Loving Memory of our Parents.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

THIS WEEK:

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, MARCH 6, IS CANCELED DUE TO PATIO SALE. Class will resume March 13th, Week 24, Exodus 19. in person and on zoom. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypresbyterian.net.

LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE—Wednesday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No Lenten soup or bread this week.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH, CANCELED THIS WEEK DUE TO PATIO SALE. CLASS WILL RESUME Thursday, 16th, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5. We will study: The book of Isaiah. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypresbyterian.net.

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

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

FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNER – Sunday, March 19 at 5:00 p.m. the music duo Windfall will perform. With a dinner of Corned beef and cabbage and a mixed berry cobbler for dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

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

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
January-2023		Through Week 9 (02/26/2023)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 90,498	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	352
Monthly Giving Budget	105,755	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	3,075
*YTD Giving Support	90,498	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	190
*YTD Giving Budget	105,755	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	1,479
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	4,554
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	2,363
* 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			

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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