

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall.

Children: Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service. Children who remain in the service can obtain an activity bag in the sanctuary.

Prayer Request Cards: Anyone who would like the Prayer Ministry to pray for someone, please pick up a blue Prayer Request Card located in the Narthex next to the office and in the pews. All cards are kept confidential.

The Grapevine: The Session invites you to the Grapevine meeting on Monday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with the topic of church finances.

The History of Christianity: From the Disciples: Friday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 5. The Inquisitors explores and attempts to understand "The History of Christianity from the Disciples through the Dawn of The Reformation," with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. The course will address what are usually regarded as the more "religious" aspects of Christianity: its experiences and convictions, its beliefs and practices, its mode of worship and its manner of life. For more information, contact Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

Campus Ministry tickets for the fundraiser at Gaslight on Mother's Day (May 12th) will be available in Fellowship Hall after the service today. Cost is \$35.

One Great Hour of Sharing: During the Lenten season, we Presbyterians, nationwide, join together to fulfill the needs of others during the time of disaster. You may ask "Where does our money go?" A gift to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGH) enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by national disasters, provide food for the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Please contribute by using the special envelope in your box or use the pew envelope with your check to VPC marked OGH. Thank you.

Easter Lilies: Be in the top 20 to dedicate your Easter Lilies. We are only ordering 20 this year. Or you can dedicate our weekly flowers to a love one for \$45. These flowers are then broken down into three small bouquets and taken to the homebound.

A Celebration for Joel Pierce's Last Sunday at VPC: Sunday, April 28 during and after Worship. More details in the Valley Voice.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Carol & Mark Thompson
Mike Yoder & Betty Kiesle-Yoder
Reed Olsen

Information Center

Jim Bellotty

Medical Team

Marvin Clark

Visitor's Table

Mike & Kay Brouwer

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Dr. Mark Horton

Marti Long, Parker Long

Darlene Herrick

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Janet Landis, Tom West

Flowers given by: Jean Hein

In loving memory of Marvin Hein

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
JOURNEY TO THE CROSS**

APRIL 14, 9:30 A.M. - PALM SUNDAY

Rev. Mark A. Medina - What Lies Beyond the Gates

APRIL 18, 7:00 P.M. - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Rev. Diane Christopher - A service of light and darkness.
We remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples and his arrest.

APRIL 19, 12:00 p.m. - GOOD FRIDAY

Rev. Mark A. Medina - Suffering: the Lord's Last Hours

APRIL 21, 6:00 a.m. - EASTER SUNRISE (BEGINS OUTSIDE)

Rev. Diane Christopher - Looking for Life

APRIL 21, 9:30 a.m. - EASTER

Rev. Mark A. Medina - A New Day in the Resurrection of Jesus

Lenten Taizé Service

Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. If you have not experienced Taizé worship, please come for a service of beautiful music, prayer and scripture.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Church

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REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*

JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*

CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

✦ All those who are able, please stand **April 7, 2019**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We come into your presence, O God, as Lenten people. All of us are eager for you to reveal to us a love that hopes all things, endures all things and never fails, as we journey into the unknown with your Son toward Jerusalem.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Medina
Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Larry Craft

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER
L: Jesus is the Living Water. **P: Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE *O Rest in the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn
Todd Wachsmann - soloist

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face; surely the presence,
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Christopher

Leader: God's love for our world is strong and true and whole.
People: God loves us, and we seek to live and share such love.

Leader: As we journey on through these Lenten days, may we feast in God's constant love.

People: God's love overflows upon us and God's Son fills us with life abundant.

Leader: Let us sing of God's love.

People: Let us rejoice in the life of abundance.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you love us with a profound, outrageous love, and you generously give to us all that you have. Yet we fail to appreciate you or to respond in gratitude to your love. We ask for your forgiveness and your grace, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THANKSGIVING *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

ANTHEM *And Can It Be?* arr. Dan Forrest

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ
my own. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die
for me?

Amazing love!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:1-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Extravagant Love*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Alabaster Box*
Marie Valade - soloist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *There Is a Fountain* arr. Joel Pierce

Todd Wachsmann, Jeremy Meeker-Hackett, Joel Pierce - soloists
Laura Casarez, Jessica Cunningham - violins

◆DOXOLOGY *Old One Hundredth* 592

**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 DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT PRAYER.....

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Eternal God, it is truly right and our great joy to give you
thanks and praise....to feast at Jesus' table as members of
one household.

**People: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every
time and place, who forever sing to the glory of
your name.**

SINGING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

◆HYMN *And Can It Be?*

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing Love! how can it be
that thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing Love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite his grace!
Emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me.

Refrain

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night,
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

Refrain

◆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 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 breath 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 *Sortie in A Minor* George Calkin

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon: Extravagant Love
Scripture: John 12:1-8

12 ¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Week #13 (thru 3/31/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$9,277	2019 Attendance	436
Weekly Giving Budget	\$29,466	2018 Attendance	698
*YTD Giving Income	\$223,202	*YTD 2019 Attendance	5,847
*YTD Giving Budget	\$272,289	*YTD 2018 Attendance	6,450
<small>*YTD: Year-to-Date</small>			
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