

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 just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School Class meets in Classroom 5 at 8:30 a.m. before worship. Each Sunday's discussion topic will be the day's sermon scriptures.

Rev. Mark Medina will be holding office hours on Wednesday, August 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Posada Java, 665 S. Park Centre Ave., at La Posada.

VPC is a Caring Place: We can all help to enrich VPC's caring ministries with a bright smile, a sincere greeting, and a word of encouragement. Remember, when you meet someone with extra needs, contact the office and/or Rev. Dr. Lloyd at 625-5023.

Peace and Justice Committee: The committee meets the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be August 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. All are welcome!

Administration Time: Monday mornings are set aside for Rev. Medina. Please contact Gay in the office to set up a time for any administrative items if unable to make it on a Monday. Thank you.

Prayer Request Cards: If you 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 or in the pews. All cards are kept confidential.

Prayer Ministry: The Prayer Ministry group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends and the needs of the world. We are looking for a few more prayer warriors to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Flowers: If you would like to reserve flowers (one or both arrangements) in your name for any future Service of Worship, please call the church office (625-5023) or sign up at our Information Center on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$34 for each arrangement.



Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Cheryl & Dave Stepp
Barbara Dittmer

Medical Team

Doug Clark

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Lance Barker, Gail Barker,
Sonya Larsen

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Olive Heller, Hazel Kern, Rick Olsen

The Nominating Committee is seeking names of potential Ruling Elders to serve on Session and Deacons to serve on the Deacon Board beginning January 1, 2019. Please find a Nominating Form at the Welcome Centers or in the Church Office. You can also download the form from our website (www.valleypresbyterian.net/nominations) or submit it directly online from there. Please respond before August 24. Your input is welcome as we look ahead to future leadership. Thank you.

Movement & Exercise:

Parkinson's Support/Exercise meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

Chair Exercise classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There is a fee. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.



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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*

"LIFE SUSTAINING BREAD"



To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

✦ All those who are able, please stand

August 5, 2018

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Life Sustainer, we receive the things you desire to offer us today and each new day!

Grant us wisdom and openness to your Word and use its teachings to energize our bodies and spirits. Amen.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Lloyd

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

L: *Jesus is the Living Water.* P: **Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE

O Perfect Love

arr. Daniel Burton

INTROIT

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 stronghold
and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 130 and John 6:35)

Rev. Medina

Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

**We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning:

**We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

Together we worship God.

✠HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Austrian Hymn 446

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Hear us now, O God, as we lift up our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Pardoning Grace* Truro

You turn our feet from sinful ways,
forgive the wrongs our hands have done.
How great the love, how large the grace
that gives redemption through your Son!

ANTHEM *Take and Eat* Gene Grier
Sanctuary Choir

I eat the bread that you have broken.
I drink the wine that you have poured for me.
I do this in remembrance of your sacrifice.
I hear the words that you have spoken.
I feel the love that you have given me,
I know that I will be with you in paradise.

So, I take and eat the living bread of life prepared for me.
And I take and drink the giving wine you poured to set me free.

O Lord, I pray that you will fill my heart.
O Lord, I pray that you will make me whole.
O Lord of life, please help me quench my thirsty soul.
I will remember as I take and eat,
the greatest sacrifice you made for me.
O precious Lord, I will prepare myself for thee.

So, I take and eat the living bread of life prepared for me.
And I take and drink the giving wine you poured to set me free.
Take and eat the living bread, the giving wine, the bread of life prepared for me.
Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Deacon Ron Bell

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Life Sustaining Bread" Rev. Medina

✠HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table* 2268

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *The Sacred Feast* Austin Lovelace
Linda Freeman - soloist

✠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 OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

SINGING THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten-free bread is available on the communion table. Anyone wishing to remain seated and be served may so indicate to an usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

✠HYMN *Become to Us the Living Bread* O Filii Et Filiae 500

✠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 *A Mighty Fortress* arr. David Cherwien

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "Living Beyond Mere Words"

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

⁹Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

John 6:24-35

²⁴Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." ²⁸Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." ³⁰So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." ³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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