



MARK 1:14-20

January 24, 2021

GREETING

Pastor Craig

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER

PRELUDE

Morning Hymn

R. Davies

CALL TO WORSHIP

Loving God, through Your Son You have called us to repent of our sins, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of Your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

CALL TO PRAYER

The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe the good news.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Robert Frost

Lord Almighty, something there is that does not love a wall, that sends the frozen-ground-swell under it and spills the upper boulders in the sun, making gaps even two can pass abreast. The work of hunters is another thing: I have come after them and made repair where they have not left one stone on a stone, but they would have the rabbit out of hiding to please the yelping dogs. The gaps I mean, no one has seen or heard them made, but at spring mending-time we find them there. I let my neighbor know beyond the hill; and on a day we meet to walk the line to set the wall between us once again. We keep the walls between us as we go. To each the boulders that have fallen to each. Some are loaves and some are so nearly balls we have to use a spell to

make them balance: "Stay where you are until our backs are turned!" We wear our fingers rough with handling them. Oh, just another kind of outdoor game, one on each side. It comes to little more: There where it is we do not need a wall: He is all pine and I am all fruit orchard. My fruit trees will never get across to eat the cones under his pines, I tell him. He only says "Good fences make good neighbors." If I could put a notion in his head: "Why do they make good neighbors? Is it not where there are cows? But here there are no cows. Before I built a wall I would ask to know who I am walling in and what I am walling out, and to whom I was like to give offense. Something there is that does not love a wall, that wants it down." I could say "Elves" to him, but it is not elves exactly, and I would rather he said it for himself. I see him there, bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top in each hand, like an old-stone savage armed. He moves in darkness as it seems to me, not of woods only and the shade of trees. He will not go behind his father's saying, and he likes having thought of it so well, he says again, "Good fences make good neighbors." Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we were baptized in Christ, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that, as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might have a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly, be united with him in a resurrection like his. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORI 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

Jesus, Name Above All Names with O, How I Love Jesus

N. Hearn/Arr. M. Hayes

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ Following John being put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news! ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

SERMON

Follow, Follow, Follow

Pastor Craig

HYMN

Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore

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Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor for wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side, I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Worship the King

J.M. Haydn/J. Raney

***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 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

Seek Ye First

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* W. Croft/Arr. J. Raney

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - January 31, 2021

*please stand

HYMN SINGER

Linda Freeman

Due to Covid-19, we must request we not sing aloud.

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Welcome to all who view our worship services at home and to those who enter our sanctuary. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together in spirit. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter. You can also pick up a Welcome Packet at the Welcome Centers when you visit us in person. We are glad you have joined us today.

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates these Witnesses to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ

Elizabeth Johnson January 17

Glen Lundell January 18

Flowers given by: Anonymous

To the Glory of God

Announcements

Exploring Membership Class

Wednesdays, Feb 3 and 10

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 5

Thursday, 25, 8:30 a.m.

In this extraordinary time, we offer a shorten New Member class for those of you interested in becoming a member of Valley Presbyterian Church. The class is designed to answer your questions and take you through the steps toward membership. You will meet the pastors and staff, and discover what makes this Body of Christ unique. Contact Pastor Diane Christopher with any questions and/or to register: pastordiane@valleypres.net, or 625-5023.

Flowers

The available dates below are open at this time:

May 2, 9
June 6, 13, 20
July 11, 18
August 1, 15
September 26
October 3, 10, 17, 24
November 7, 21
December 5, 12

Please sign up at the office or email Laurie at laurie@valleypres.net with your request.
Thank you.