



Transfiguration of the LORD Sunday

February 14, 2021

PRELUDE *More Love to Thee, O Christ with Nearer, My God, to Thee*

by Joshua Evanovich

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

RINGING OF THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart, picking up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah, and went and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

CALL TO PRAYER

In the transfiguration of Jesus, God confirmed the mysteries of the faith of Moses and Elijah. In the voice from the cloud, God foreshadowed our adoption as children of God. May we, like those before us, confess our sins and our faith, being made heirs of glory, bringing us to enjoy heaven's fullness, through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ You reveal the light of Your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans and designs. We confess that we speak when we should listen, we react when we need to wait. On a lonely mountain height, Jesus' human body was transfigured by divine splendor. In his face we have glimpsed Your glory. In his life, we witness Your love. For Your image is untarnished in his bearing the burden of human sorrow, suffering and sin. The world he entered was dark, but the light of his life could not be extinguished forever. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in the light of Your presence, and simply to follow in the way of Your beloved son Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Dying You destroyed the power of death; being raised You restored our hope and faith; Lord Jesus come in glory! Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

*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

Portrait of Love
Brandon Jones - solo

B. Crockett

He wouldn't sit still long enough to have His portrait done
His heart was set to move His life at twice the speed of love.
Artists who tried to freeze His style on canvas or in stone
Found that real life isn't still life
Even when that life's alone.
A traveling artist known as Paul painted truth with words.
The truth that he saw was burning love that comforts and disturbs.
Each year he grew until he knew the portrait couldn't wait.
Without a sound the man sat down and he began to paint.

Love is patient, love is kind, Never jealous, free of pride
Love will never be confined, And love will abide.
Love is hopeful, love's not blind, Love is faithful, every time
Love is Someone, and if you'll open your eyes, you'll find that love is alive.

Now love's gonna stand the test of time, gonna stand when time is spent.
Just look at the portrait painted, It's the Son the Father sent.

He is patient, He is kind, Never jealous, free of pride,
He will never be confined, And He will abide.
Love is hopeful, love's not blind, Love is faithful, every time.
Love is Someone, and If you look in His eyes, you'll find That love is alive.

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 READING

Mark 9:2-9

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

Unmasking the Powers

Pastor Craig

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

Heaven Is Singing for Joy

(vs. 1-3) 382

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for in your life and in mine is shining the glory of God.

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine unite in the love of our God.

Refrain

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine will always bear witness to God.

Refrain

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*
with Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven T. Williams/Arr. L. McKechnie

***DOXOLOGY** 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* (verses 1-3) 193

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."

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 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* arr: H. Hopson

*please stand

HYMN SINGER Brandon Jones

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

All taped Worship Services are available for replay on the Special Video Worship

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.

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized: Quentin Gessner

Flowers given by: Joyce Lambert

In Memory of our Anniversary

Flowers

The available dates below are open at this time:

October 3, 10, 24

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

Thank you.

Classes for Lent

Lent in Plain Sight

Book by Jill Duffield (\$11)

Mondays at 4:00 p.m. starting Feb 15

Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name

Book by Max Lucado (\$16)

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. starting Feb 24

The Color of Compromise

Book by Jemar Tisby (\$14)

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m starting Feb 25

Please contact Pastor Diane to register (pastordiane@valleypres.net; 625-5023)

Books can be purchased in the church office.

Ash Wednesday is February 17

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Drive by the church fountain, and Pastor Craig and Pastor Diane will offer you a symbol of ashes and a blessing. Then starting at 5 p.m., watch our Lenten Taize' worship service on our church website (valleypres.net).

Easter Lilies

If you are interested in donating Easter Lilies in honor or memory of loved ones for Easter time, the cost is \$10. At this time, we only have 5 available. Please sign up at the office or email Laurie at laurie@valleypres.net, with your request. Thirty lilies will then be delivered by the NOC after the Easter Worship Services to congregational members who may need God's healing power and His love.

Grief Recovery Workshop Five Consecutive Mondays

Beginning March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this course is to help participants understand the grief process involved after a significant loss, recognize the unique pain and feelings triggered by their loss, and to begin to renew their lives as they heal and learn to cope. Anyone who has suffered a loss or a death of a loved one and wishes to participate should call the church office at 625-5023 to register.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
January-2021		Through Week #6 (2/7/2021)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 69,944	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	90
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 85,791	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	517
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 69,944	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	166
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 85,791	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	989
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	1506
		* YTD 2020 Attendance	2925
<i>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</i>			
<i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			