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LENT 2

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PRELUDE

Nocturne

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

PASSING OF PEACE, LENTEN RINGING OF THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Genesis 15: 1-7, 15-16

Pastor Diane

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid. I am your shield. I am your reward." But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus? You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." The word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." The Lord took him outside and said "Look up at the heavens and count the stars if indeed you can count them. So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the Lord and it was credited to him as righteousness. The Lord also said to Abram, "I am the Lord who brought you up out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it." As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the Lord said, "Know for certain that your descendants will be

strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

OPENING HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

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Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O must afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

CALL TO PRAYER

God’s chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey God’s Call going into the unknown. So may the church be granted faith that we may follow with courage, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often and how deeply we have sinned in leading others from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins and help us to live in Your light, walking in Your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins and affliction in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ: We are forgiven!

***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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional, arr: L. Larson

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.

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

John 2:1-11

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." 4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8 Then he told

them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

SERMON Promises Pastor Craig

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Reception of New Members

HYMN *They Crucified My Lord* 219

They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

He bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
he bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Go to Dark Gethsemane* arr. R. Powell

***DOXOLOGY** 609

**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.**

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him all bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to
pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned; O the worm wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering shame, or loss; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete; "It is finished." Hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

POSTLUDE

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J.S. Bach

*please stand

HYMN SINGER

Eloise Fredrickson

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.

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

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Quentin Gessner, Steve Larson, Linda Romstad

Flowers given by: Geri Graessle

In memory of my husband John Graessle

Flowers

The available dates below are open at this time:
October 3 and 10.

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



Grief Recovery Workshop Five Consecutive Mondays

Beginning March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2021 from 10:00 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.

Lenten Taize' Worship

This Wednesday, March 3, 5:00 p.m. on our website (valleypre.net). We continue the Station of The Cross.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
January-2021		Through Week #8 (2/21/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 70,732	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	110
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 85,791	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	728
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 70,732	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	138
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 85,791	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	1309
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	2037
		* YTD 2020 Attendance	3991
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p>			