



March 21, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE *Prelude No. XII in f minor* from Well Tempered Clavier Book 2 J.S. Bach

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Craig

PASSING OF PEACE, LENTEN RINGING OF THE BOWL Pastor

Diane

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the Land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my Law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

OPENING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity!

CALL TO PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be messengers of forgiveness and hope. Redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of Your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve You and rejoice in Your love. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may follow Your commands and proclaim Your reign of love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus stated, "I am the resurrection and the life; everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." 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 Survey the Wondrous Cross With Air by Bach
Arr. L. MacKechnieAnthem

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 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the Passover feast were some Greeks. So, these came to Philip, who was from Beth-saida in Galilee, and said to him: "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life, loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? No, for this purpose, I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all persons to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.

The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is the Son of man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light."

SERMON

We Wish to See Jesus

Pastor Craig

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is sitteth at 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*How Can I Keep From Singing***821**

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

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.

Flowers given by: Nancy Moses In memory of Don Moses

TODAY! The Valley Galley is open after worship for coffee and cookies.

Lenten Taize Worship

This Wednesday, March 24, 5:00 p.m. on our website (valleypres.net). We continue the Stations of The Cross.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a Presbyterian offering taken up during Lent to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. OGHS works with communities recovering from disaster, alleviates hunger, and invests in communities experiencing oppression, poverty and injustice. If you would like to support this amazing work, OGHS envelopes are on the Welcome Centers at the two main entrances. Or, you may simply write a check to "Valley Presbyterian Church," and place on the memo line "One Great Hour of Sharing" or OGHS. You can put it in the offering plate on Sundays, mail it in, or drop it off at the office during the week.

Holy Week

Holy week is one of the most sacred weeks in the church year. Join us as we walk with Jesus to the Cross and celebrate the Resurrection. Online worship can be found on our website (valleypres.net)

Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday	Online Live worship at 9:30 a.m., sanctuary.
Wednesday, March 31	Taize at 5 p.m.	Online
Thursday, April 1	Maundy Thursday	Online by 5 p.m.
Friday, April 2	Good Friday	Live Tenebrae concert, 5 p.m. sanctuary Contact Pastor Diane for reservations (pastordiane@valleypres.net ; 625-5023)
Sunday, April 4	EASTER	Online Live worship at 9:30 a.m., sanctuary.