



**April 11, 2021**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**PRELUDE**

*Because He Lives*

W.J. Gaither/Arr. M. Kim

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Pastor Craig

**PASSING OF PEACE, POURING OF WATER & RINGING OF THE BOWL**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia! unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor Diane

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good!

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet come to believe!

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming: Breathe on us with Your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with You. Strength of those who believe and hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive anew and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ: We are forgiven!

## GLORIA PATRI

**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 Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

Arr: G. F. Handel  
Oboe: Pam Coggins

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy the body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of them that sleep.

## **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**            Acts 4: 32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

### **GOSPEL READING**            John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**SERMON**                                      Blessed Are Those Have Not Seen Yet                                      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 Ghost, 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**                                      *The Strife is O'er*                                      236

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Easter Celebration Medley*

Arr: G. Lanier  
Oboe: Pam Coggins

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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. Amen.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN**

*Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing*

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Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Lord of life is risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away.  
Let all the earth rejoice and say: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

**POSTLUDE**

*For The Beauty of the Earth*

C. Kocher/Arr. J. Raney

\*please stand

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**Today's Hymn Singer**

Linda Freeman

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.

**Flowers given by:** Jean Hein – In Loving Memory of Marvin

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:** Sally Ruschmeier

**PATIO SALE IS THIS WEEK!!**

**Thursday, April 15: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (\$5 entrance fee)**

**Friday, April 16: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 17: 8 a.m. – noon**

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
March-2021		Through Week #14 (04/04/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 60,265	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	288
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 77,076	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	1712
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 177,097	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	155
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 236,838	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	2177
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	3889
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date                      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959    2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i></p>			