



EASTER 5

May 2, 2021

I Am the Vine

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Valley Ringers

Arr. P.S. Cota

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

PASSING OF PEACE, RINGING OF THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you also need to love one another. May God give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of the commandments, and to share His risen life.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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CALL TO PRAYER

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *From the Canticle of the Sun by Francis of Assisi*

O most high, Almighty, good LORD God, to You belong praise, honor and blessing! Praise be for all creatures, especially our brother the sun who brings us the day and light, fair is he, shining with a great splendor. Praise be for our sister the moon, and for the stars which You have set clearly and lovely in heaven. Praise be for our brother the wind, for air, breeze and breath, calms and all kinds of weather by which You uphold life in all creatures. Praise be for our sister water, who is humble and clean, useful and precious to us. Praise be for our brother fire, through whom You give us light in the darkness, he is so very bright, mighty and strong. Praise be for our mother earth, which sustains and keeps us, bringing forth diverse fruits, grasses and flowers of many colors. Praise be for all who pardon one another for love's sake, who endure weakness and tribulation; blessed are those who endure peaceably. Praise be for death from which no one escapes, and for rising from death to life eternal. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From I John 4: 7-12

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever cannot love, does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: God sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: Not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent God's Son as sacrifice for our sins. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is made complete in us. Friends, 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, Words without end.

Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace with Simple Gifts
Valley Ringers

Arr. P.S. Cota

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 (Live Worship Only)

SCRIPTURE

John 15: 1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

SERMON

I AM the Vine

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

✠ **HYMN**

In the Bulb There is A Flower

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In the Garden

Arr. M. Hayes/ M. Gaspard

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ **HYMN**

Thine is the Glory

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✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I Am the Bread of Life

Arr. Ron Schmoltze

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

✦ Please stand

Today's Hymn Singer: Linda Freeman

All taped Worship Services are available for replay on our website: valleypres.net

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: Clayton & Jean Messelt in Celebration of their Anniversary.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
March-2021		Through Week #17 (04/25/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 60,265	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	183
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 77,076	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	2253
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 177,097	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	102
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 236,838	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	2519
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	4772
		* 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>			

Exploring Membership Class

Saturdays, May 15 and 22, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 5
Thursday, May 27, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

In this extraordinary time, we offer a shortened 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. Safety protocols will be in place.

Contact Pastor Diane Christopher with any questions and/or to register:
pastordiane@valleypres.net, or 625-5023.

Immediately following the Worship Service this day, the membership are called to a Special Congregational Meeting, here in the Sanctuary, to fill the unexpired term of Elder and Session member Bill Streng, 2021-2023.

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