



Oasis of Grace  
Valley Presbyterian Church  
1841

**August 2, 2020**

**GREETING**

Pastor Craig

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER**

**PRELUDE**

*"Nimrod" from 'Enigma Variations'"*

E. Elgar

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Laban said to Jacob: “Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me. So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar, saying to his kinsmen “Gather stones and make a great heap” and they ate a meal by that heap, calling the heap of stone “Mizpah.” Laban said “The Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other. God is witness between you and me. See this heap and the pillar which is set between you and me, this heap of stones is a witness and this rock pillar is a witness, that I will not pass over to you, and you will not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us.” So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, and Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain. They called their kinsmen to break bread, to eat bread and tarry there on the mountain. Early in the morning Laban kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them; then he departed and returned to his home.

1. Today we are all called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plow-share out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.
2. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.
3. Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.
4. May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God  
who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Pastor Diane

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, ruler of all peoples of the earth, forgive we pray our shortcomings; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our counselors and fortitude to our people; bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice and goodwill, whose builder you are. Look with mercy on all whose increasing years bring isolation, distress or weakness. Provide for us homes of dignity and peace; grant us understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help; and as strength diminishes, increase our faith in your Holy Spirit along with the assurance of your love in Jesus Christ. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****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.

## **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.**

### **ANTHEM**

*Ancient Words*

L. Deshazo

Lotus Rogers - Soloist

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 32:9-12; 22-30

Jacob Wrestling

<sup>9</sup>Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, LORD, you who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' <sup>10</sup>I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. <sup>11</sup>Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. <sup>12</sup>But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'"

<sup>22</sup>That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup>So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup>Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak. But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." <sup>29</sup>Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

### **SERMON**

"WHAT IS YOUR NAME?"

Pastor Craig

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### HYMN

*This Is My Song*

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1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true as high as mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

### CALL FOR OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Part the Waters/I Need Thee Every Hour*

Brown, Lowry/Arr. Sponberg, Hall

Lotus Rogers - Soloist

### DOXOLOGY

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**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. Amen.**

### THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### HYMN

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

## **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**

*In Festive Mood*

A.L. Scarmolin

Wes Moulton - Organ, Jamie Reed - Piano

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Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Flowers given by: Karen Brooks  
In Loving Memory of Family Members

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
June-2020		Through Week # 30 (7/26/20)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 51,866	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	0
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 32,594	* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 365,908	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	200
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 412,127	** YTD 2020 Viewing On-Line	5020
		* YTD 2020 Attendance / On-Line	10292
		* YTD 2019 Attendance	10125
<p>* YTD = Year to Date                      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959      2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member</p>			