



**August 16, 2020**

**GREETING**

Pastor Craig

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

**PRELUDE**

*Gaelic Morning*

Arr. D. Forrest

Jamie Reed - piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Based on "I Care and Am Willing to Serve" by Marian Wright Edelman)*

Lord, I cannot preach like Martin Luther King Jr. or Jesse Jackson, turn a poetic phrase like Maya Angelou; but we care and are willing to serve, to use what talents we have to build a healthy world of peace. I do not have Fred Shuttleworth's or Harriet Tubman's courage, Andrew Young's political skills, but we do care and are willing to serve. I cannot sing like Ella Fitzgerald, organize like Ella Baker, Bayard Rustin or John Dear, but we care and are willing to serve. I am not holy as Desmond Tutu, as forgiving as Nelson Mandela, or as disciplined as Gandhi, but we care and are willing to serve in a nonviolent manner. I am not brilliant like Dr. DuBois, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, or as eloquent as Sojourner Truth and Booker T. Washington, but we care and are willing to serve. I do not have Mother Teresa's saintliness, Dorothy Day's love or Cesar Chavez' tough spirit, but we care and are willing to serve. God, it is not as easy as in the Sixties to frame an issue, to forge a solution, but we care and are willing to serve. My mind and body are not as swift as in my youth, my energy comes in spurts, but we care and are willing to serve. I am so young nobody will listen, I am not sure what to say or do, but we care and are willing to serve. I can no longer see clearly or hear well, sometimes I stutter and get real scared, and I really hate risking others' criticism, but we care and are willing to serve. Use us as Thou wilt, to save Thy children today and tomorrow, to build a world where no child is left behind, where every child is loved and every child is safe.

## OPENING HYMN

*When in the Night I Meditate*

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1. When in the night I meditate on mercies multiplied,  
my grateful heart inspires my tongue to bless the Lord, my guide.
2. Forever in my thought, the Lord before my face shall stand;  
secure, unmoved I shall remain, with God at my right hand.
3. My inmost being thrills with joy and gladness fills my breast;  
because on God my trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest.

## CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor Diane

**PSALM OF CONFESSION**

Psalm 133

(To Tune 343 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”)

**How good when all the earth is one, and hearts embrace community;  
when strife will cease to separate and love binds all in unity.**

**As oil bathed Aaron’s head and dew adorns the mountainside,  
so peace and blessing of the LORD within the faithful heart abide.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GLORIA PATRI**

Greatorex

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.**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**ANTHEM**

*Grace Above All*

A. Petker

Linda Freeman - soloist

O Lord you have searched me,  
O Lord you have known me.  
You know when I rise, you know when I sleep,  
you know my thoughts from afar.

O Lord you have searched me,  
My steps and my lying down,  
and art acquainted with all my ways.  
O Lord you have heard me, before I have spoken.  
You know what’s behind, you know what’s before,  
you place your hand upon me.

Such love is beyond me,  
such knowledge too wonderful,  
it is a grace beyond all thought.  
It is a grace beyond all thought.

O Lord, precious are your thoughts.  
How vast are the sum of them.  
If I were to count, to list every one,  
they number even more than the sand.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-20

**45** Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. <sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.' <sup>12</sup> "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. <sup>13</sup> Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly." <sup>14</sup> Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him. <sup>16</sup> When the news reached Pharaoh's palace that Joseph's brothers had come, Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased. <sup>17</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan, <sup>18</sup> and bring your father and your families back to me. I will give you the best of the land of

Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.' <sup>19</sup> "You are also directed to tell them, 'Do this: Take some carts from Egypt for your children and your wives, and get your father and come. <sup>20</sup> Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.'"

**SERMON**

Joseph's Revelation

Pastor Craig

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

p. 35

**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, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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**

*When Memory Fades*

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1. When memory fades and recognition falters,  
when eyes we love grow dim, and minds confused,  
speak to our souls of love that never alters;  
speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.  
O God of life and healing peace,  
empower us with patient courage, by your grace infused.
2. As frailness grows and youthful strengths diminish  
in weary arms that worked their earnest fill,  
your aging servants labor now to finish  
their earthly tasks, as fits your mystery's will.  
We grieve their waning, yet rejoice,  
believing your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.
3. Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading.  
The past and future mingle into one.  
All joys remain, un-shadowed light pervading.  
No valued deed will ever be undone.  
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings.  
Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!

## CALL FOR OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *As the Deer* (with "The Swan" by Saint-Saens) M. Nystrom/Arr. L. McKechnie

Jamie Reed – piano, Wes Moulton - organ

## 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

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## 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 every 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**                      *Down to the River to Pray*                      arr. Hayes/Wagner

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**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:  
 Billie Youngblut**

**Flowers given by: Richard Lindquist  
 In memory of my wife Jane T. Lindquist**

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
July-2020		Through Week # 32 (8/9/2020)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 44,592	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	0
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 33,362	* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 410,500	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	223
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 445,489	** YTD 2020 Viewing On-Line	5476
		* YTD 2020 Attendance / On-Line	10748
		* YTD 2019 Attendance	10660
<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      2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member</i></p>			

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 "Recommendations Form" from the Valley Voice.