



August 30, 2020

GREETING

Pastor Craig

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER

PRELUDE

Prayer

E. Humperdinck

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the God who makes extravagant promises! We relish your promises of fidelity and presence and solidarity, we try to embody them; only to find out, always too late, that your promise comes in the midst of a hard, deep call to faith and obedience. You are the God who calls people like us, and the long list of mothers and fathers before us, who trust your promise enough to keep the call. So we give you thanks that you are a calling God, who always calls to dangerous new places. We pray there will be enough of your grace and mercy among us that we may be among those who trust your promises, who believe enough to respond to your call. We pray in the name of the one who embodied your promise and enacted your call: even Jesus. Amen

OPENING HYMN *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* (1, 2, 3) 41

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
 O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
 our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
 pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
 whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
 Almighty, your power has founded of old;
 established it fast by a changeless decree,
 and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, whose son Jesus taught us to pray: may our prayers for others be the kind you want, not just wishes to get what we want, we who already have so much in Jesus Christ. Lord of all the worlds there are, Savior: We pray for the whole of creation. Order the unruly powers, deal with injustice, feed and satisfy the longing peoples, so that in freedom your children may enjoy the world you have made and cheerfully sing your praises. Gracious God: you called us to be the church of Jesus Christ in the world. Keep us One in faith and service: in the breaking of the bread and sharing good news with the world, that others may come to believe you are love and live to your glory. Send peace on earth and put down greed, pride and anger which turn us one against another, setting nation against nation. Speed the day when wars will be able to end. O Lord, whom we cannot love unless we love our neighbors; remove hate and prejudice, that your children may be reconciled with those they fear, resent or threaten; and live together in peace. Direct those who make, administer and judge our laws, the President of the United States and Congress; that led by your wisdom, they may lead us in the way of righteousness. Great God our hope; give vision to those who serve and govern, that with good will and justice they may take down barriers and draw together one new world in peace through 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

Come to Jesus

Chris Rice

Brandon Jones - soloist

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die
O, raise your head for Love is passing by

Come to Jesus, come to Jesus
Come to Jesus and live

Now your burden's lifted and carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain

So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus and live

And like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk, sometimes we fall

So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus and live

Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain

Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus and live

O, and when the love spills over and music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside

Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus and live

And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side

And fly to Jesus
Fly to Jesus
Fly to Jesus and live

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2:11-15, 3:1-15

11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" 14 The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." 15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

Exodus 3:1-15

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you^[b] will worship God on this mountain." 13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

SERMON

The Burning Bush

Pastor Craig

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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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

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me in quiet waters by.

2. My soul He doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *How Majestic Is Your Name* (with “Alleluia” by Mozart)

M.W. Smith/Arr. L. McKechnie

Jaime Reed – piano, Wes Moulton - organ

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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 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* (4, 5) 41

4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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 *Thy Word* M.W. Smith, A. Grant/Arr. M. Hayes

Jamie Reed - piano

All taped Worship Services are available for replay on the

[Special Video Worship Page.](#)

Flowers given by: Bob & Cynthia Krantz
 50th Wedding Anniversary

The Nominating Committee would like to include their
 "Recommendations Form" from the Valley Voice.

Announcement:

Study books for the Women's Ministries Circle Bible study will be available for sale on Monday, August 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. The cost is \$11.00 and correct change is appreciated. Checks are accepted.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
July-2020		Through Week # 34 (8/23/20)	
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	211
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 445,489	** YTD 2020 Viewing On-Line	5942
		* YTD 2020 Attendance / On-Line	11214
		* YTD 2019 Attendance	11116
* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member			