

I WILL RAIN DOWN BREAD FROM HEAVEN FOR YOU!



September 13, 2020

CARPORT CHURCH

Pastor Craig

PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER

PRELUDE

Improvisation on 'Holy Manna'

D. Lasky

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

We are Covenant-makers. We make all kinds of vows, oaths and promises. We commit ourselves to practice loyalty, we sign on for obedience. We sign on seriously, but also too easily and far too casually. We find ourselves too soon and too often allied with earthiness: we pant for the latest stuff, we look for quick-fixes, we hoard well-being at the cheapest price. Then Christ comes, our true and only partner, snatching us from death, nullifying phony contracts, inviting us to trust in proper fidelity. We look back in awe and wonder at choices overcome. We look ahead to life in joy with you. We are betwixt and between what was in earthliness and what will be in new life with God. In this moment, we glimpse life with the Spirit, simple life as the congregation of God, joyous, obedient, trusting, demanding all (not too much) but everything according to Creation's rhythm.

1. Rejoice, ye pure in Heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Rejoice! Rejoice!

2. With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.

Refrain

3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:

Refrain

4. At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

5. Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

CALL TO PRAYER

Search me O God and know my heart. Test me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked thing in me and lead me in the way of everlasting. Allow me to be still, aware of God's presence within and all around.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Labor Day has come and gone, Lord. By whatever means: socially-distanced, internet-assisted, prerecorded, videotaped, Zoomed to follow a new curriculum, schools and public life have begun, returning to routine has found a new normal. We are again scheduled into a program year. We have taken advantage of every experience we could imagine. Bought every opportunity we could possess. However, before we give away the Sabbath, we pause to assess. We become aware of the sound of our own breathing,

our pulse beating, the feel of touch, the faces of those we love. Sweet Jesus, before we die, help us to hold the cup and to question which life we want. Shall we seek nostalgic remembrance of filling our bellies with bread beside the flesh-pots of Egypt, that never nurtured us, laboring for others' gains, or might we become aware of God's presence in our midst, reoriented that we become essential parts of God's creation? Lord God, redeem us! Listen and hear us, after having crossed the Red Sea, to choose to live in faith in this wilderness of sin. 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.

CHILDRENS TIME

ANTHEM

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

Jeff McCune - soloist

Brother, let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 16:1-15, Matthew 18:21-28

Manna and Quail

Exodus 16:1-15

16 The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." ⁹Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of

dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

Matthew 18:21-28

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” ²²Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

SERMON

The New Math

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

Standing on the Promises

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1. Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Will Enter His Gates* (with "Rondo" from "Masterpiece" by Mouret)

L.V. Brethorst/Arr. L. McKechnie

Wes Moulton - organ, Jamie Reed - piano

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

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

826

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Refrain

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

Refrain

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

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

The Church's One Foundation

S.S. Wesley/Arr. M. Hayes

All taped Worship Services are available for replay on the

[Special Video Worship Page.](#)

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized: Parker Long

Flowers given by: Tommy & Lee Ann Calhoun

**In Memory of Our Mothers, Ruth Freyermuth, Imogene Calhoun
and Stepmom Gerry Freyermuth**

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
August-2020		Through Week # 36 (9/6/20)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 49,696	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	0
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 44,043	* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 460,196	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	225
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 489,532	** YTD 2020 Viewing On-Line	6388
		* YTD 2020 Attendance / On-Line	11660
		* YTD 2019 Attendance	11608
<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>			