



## Stephen Ministry Sunday

**October 25, 2020**

**GREETING**

Pastor Craig

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

**PRELUDE**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

R. Lowry/M. Hayes

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Diane

Hear what Jesus promises: happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right. They shall be satisfied. I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; she who believes in me will never thirst.

**OPENING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

## CALL TO PRAYER

This is the word of the LORD: All those whom I love, I teach. Therefore shake off your complacency and repent. See, I stand knocking at the door. If anyone listens to my voice and opens the door, I will go into the house and dine with him, and she with me.

## UNISON LAMENTATION                      Lamentations 3: 22-33

**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for the LORD's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion: Therefore I will wait for God." The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the LORD. It is good to bear the yoke while we are young. Let those who need sit in silence, for the LORD has laid it upon them. Allow them to bury their face in tears – there may yet be hope. Let them offer their cheek to the one who would strike, and to feel disgrace, for people are not cast off by the LORD forever. Although the LORD brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For the LORD does not willingly bring affliction of grief. Amen**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God our father taught us to pray not only for ourselves and our friends but for those who do not yet believe, who also live in God's love. We pray for peace among people and nations, split by pride and wrongs remembered. We are disarmed of our hold on hate and hurt, called to live as humanity together in Jesus Christ.

## 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.

## ANTHEM A. Vavaldi *Laudamus te* Vocal Duet: Marie Valade, Linda Freeman

## 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 TIME

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

<sup>34</sup> Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." <sup>41</sup> While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup> "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, <sup>44</sup> "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" <sup>46</sup> No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

### SERMON

*The Great Commandment*

Pastor Craig

### BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

### HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

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I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true:  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old,  
old story of Jesus and his love.

### CALL FOR OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

M. Luther/M. Hayes, M. Gaspard

### 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**

*How Firm a Foundation*

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**    *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*    v. 1    727

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**POSTLUDE**

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr: D. Laskey

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Hymn Singers

Marie Valade & Linda Freeman

**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness  
to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ:**

Tecia (Tesh) M. Hanson

October 17

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

John Dunham, Richard Lindquist, Beth Phillips

**Flowers given by:** Mary Lee Haas

**In loving memory of Kermit Haas**

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
September-2020		Through Week # 42 (10/18/20)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 49,816	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	104
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 36,025	* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary/Carport	5478/185
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 509,468	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	172
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 525,557	** YTD 2020 Viewing On-Line	7473
		* YTD 2020 Attendance / On-Line/Carport	13136
		* YTD 2019 Attendance	13268
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - <a href="mailto:dx38@cox.net">dx38@cox.net</a> - 520-399-3959      2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member</p>			

**Announcement**

**Valley Readers** will meet next Monday, October 26, at 2:00 p.m. Gee-Gee Smith will lead a discussion of *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek*. Please call or email Anne Morrison (520-399-0762 or [gvaz1058@cox.net](mailto:gvaz1058@cox.net)) if you plan to attend.