



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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, ⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" ⁴⁵ If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ 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 - dxb38@cox.net - 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) if you plan to attend.