



Sunday, November 15, 2020

GREETING

Pastor Craig

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER

Pastor Diane

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

PRELUDE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness and not light; as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear; went into the house and rested their hand against the wall, was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, gloom with no brightness in it? I hate and despise your festivals, I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though, you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals, I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1 & 4) 366

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CALL TO PRAYER

God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the whole world might be saved through him. That all who believe, might be delivered from the power of sin and death, to become heirs with him of eternal life.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, by your spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our confession as we pray before you, for all members of your church. Kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. We pray for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and oppressed, all who suffer persecution, doubt and despair, and naming these we question our own actions and commitments. We pray for the sorrowful, and bereaved, for prisoners and captives, those in mortal danger, that through our prayers and our hands God will comfort and relieve them. Stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs. Gracious God, comfort all who sorrow, for you are the strength of all who suffer. Hear the cries of those in misery and need. In their afflictions, show your mercy, grant to us we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Eternal God of unchanging power and light, look with mercy on your whole creation. Bring to fruition your saving work, that the world may witness the fallen lifted up, the old made new, all things brought to perfection by him through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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.

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

arr: F. Ortega

Soloist - Brandon Jones

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, oh, and when I am alone,
and when I am alone give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die,
and when I come to die, give me Jesus.

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 READINGS

Judges 2:16-23

¹⁶Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. ¹⁷Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. They quickly turned from the ways of their ancestors, who had been obedient to the LORD's commands. ¹⁸Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. ¹⁹But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways. ²⁰Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant I ordained for their ancestors and has not listened to me, ²¹I will no longer drive out before them any of the nation's Joshua left when he died. ²²I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their ancestors did." ²³The LORD had allowed those nations to remain; he did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua.

Hebrews 11:1-4, 8, 17-18, 23-26, 32-12:2

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for. ³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ⁴By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. ⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ¹⁷By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ²³By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ³²And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON

The Terrible, Awful, No Good, Very Bad Day

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

This Is My Father's World

(vs. 1 and 2) 370

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, O, let me ne'er forget that though
the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and the earth and heaven be one.

CALL FOR OFFERING

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

8 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything—in

faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

H. Smith/Arr. M. Hayes

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

O for a World

(verses 1, 2, 3, & 5)

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O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

POSTLUDE

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

K. Kaiser/Arr. M. Hayes

Hymn Singer - Brandon Jones

All taped Worship Services are available for replay on the

[Special Video Worship Page.](#)

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates these Witnesses to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ		
	Shirley Pascal	November 8
	Cynthia Krantz	November 11
		

Flowers given by: Mike & Betty Yoder

In honor of our sons Craig and Tony

Welcome to all who view our worship services at home and to those who enter our sanctuary. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together in spirit. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter. We are glad you have joined us today.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship today to elect the following Elders and Deacons for 2021:

ELDERS: Judy Aguayo, Jim Rusk, Bill Streng, Rudy Sweisfurth

DEACONS: John Bentley, Ron Darrah, Sherry Darrah, Sue Horton, Trudy O'Leary

Nominating Committee: Jim Nelson, Eloise Fredrickson

The Women's Ministries Gathering will be held on November 17th (Tuesday) at 11:00 a.m. **(Please note time change.)** There will **NOT** be a meal. Bill McCreary, from Posada Life Community Services will be the speaker. A Thank offering will be collected as well as an offering to go to Posada Life Community Services. We will also be accepting donations of the following items for Valley Assistance Services Christmas gift bags: puzzle books, note books, pens and pencils, greeting cards, individual snack items (no candy unless sugar free and no nuts), socks, calendars, small boxes of Kleenex, personal hygiene items. These can be brought to the Gathering or will be accepted on Sunday mornings through the end of November at the Welcome Desk by the Fountain entrance.

Poinsettias: Sign up for a Poinsettia after worship today to help us decorate our beautiful sanctuary this year. We were able to hold down the price to \$10 so don't miss out.

An Advent Study: Incarnation (based on the book by Adam Hamilton)

It seems appropriate, in this time of pandemic, to come together in the month of December and rediscover the significance of Christmas by studying the names of Jesus.

We are offering 4 classes each week from which to choose:

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. beginning November 30 (by Zoom)

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. beginning December 1 in Classroom 5 (limited to 8 people)

Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. beginning December 2 (by Zoom)

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. beginning December 3 in Classroom 5 (limited to 8 people)

Books (\$15) can be purchased from Pastor Diane in the office (Sunday mornings or during the week).

To sign up for a class, contact Pastor Diane (pastordiane@valleypres.net; 625-5023)

Stephen Ministry training classes will be held in person, January 8 through March 26 providing COVID does not worsen! It is not too late to sign up for the 2021 class. Who cares? God cares. “We love because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) When have you been cared for in a special way? When did you care for someone and were surprised at how you were blessed? When you are hurting who do you go to? What can you do? We have many in our midst who need a listening ear and encouragement, but we need more Stephen Ministers. Please pray to discern if this is where you are being called to care. Contact Patti Bright, Recruiting Coordinator to schedule an interview at 305-3275 or ross.pattibright@gmail.com

Our Noisy Offering will be collected on November 29 at each exit as you leave the building. This 5th Sunday offering will be a donation for St. Andrew's Children's Clinic. Remember to bring coins, bills, checks on that Sunday to help support this VPC Mission.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
October-2020		Through Week # 45 (11/08/20)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 43,270	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	115
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 42,008	* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary/Carport	5818/185
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 553,238	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	153
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 567,565	** YTD 2020 Viewing On-Line	7935
		* YTD 2020 Attendance / On-Line/Carport	13938
		* YTD 2019 Attendance	14343
<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 - dx38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member</p>			