

**WELCOME** to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

**Visitors:** Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship.

**Prayer Ministry:** The Prayer Ministry group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends and the needs of the world. We are looking for a few more prayer warriors to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Prayer Request Cards:** Anyone who would like the Prayer Ministry to pray for someone, please pick up a blue Prayer Request Card located in the Narthex next to the office, and in the pews. All cards are kept confidential.

**Adult Sunday School:** Adult Sunday School Class meets in Classroom 5 at 8:30 a.m. before worship. Each Sunday's discussion topic will be the day's sermon scriptures.

**Children:** Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids' Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service. Children who remain in the service can obtain an activity bag in the sanctuary.

**The Inquisitors:** Last Spring, with "Living the Questions," we started examining our faiths in an environment where participants could interact with each other and fine tune our beliefs to make them more worth having and living. Join us on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1, to continue discussing this topic. For further information contact: Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

**Valley Readers:** *A Dog Walks into a Nursing Home*, by Sue Halpern, will be our book for the February 25 meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. Being at loose ends, the author decided to have she and her dog Pransky certified as a therapy team. Pransky was a hit as a therapy dog and the encounters that Halpern has with residents, facilitated by Pransky, led her to a new understanding of the meaning of acts of kindness and the basis for a good life. Join us for a discussion of this meaningful and heartwarming book led by Doris Steffy. Please contact Anne Morrison for additional information at 520-399-0762.

**Liturgy of the Ordinary:** A Lenten Study. Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning March 5 in Classroom 3. Pastor Diane will look at all the ordinary things we do each day (getting out of bed, brushing our teeth, checking email), and show us how to become aware of God in our daily routines. Books can be purchased today (\$13) at the Faith Formation Kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

**Blood Pressure Screening:** Today after the worship service in the Sweet Family Room.

**Patio Sale Setup:** If you can help move the setup material from storage to the church on Friday, March 8, be at the church back parking lot at 8:30 a.m. With enough help this should be done in a few hours.

## Thank you to our volunteers!

**Coffee Fellowship**  
Barbara Dittmer, Betty Kiesle-Yoder,  
Sue & Mark Horton  
**Information Center**  
Jim & Shelley Bellotty  
**Medical Tea m**  
Doug Clark

**Visitor's Table**  
Rick & Pat Nau  
**Welcome Center**  
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad  
**La Posada Service of Worship**  
Eloise Fredrickson,  
Darlene Herrick, Parker Long

**Patio Sale Style Show:** The annual Style Show and luncheon will be on February 19 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets (\$11) will be sold today after worship at the Women's Ministries table in Fellowship Hall. This is the time to invite your neighbors and friends to join us. Tickets must be purchased in advance to have a place at the table and be able to view the style show.

**True Concord Concert:** The upcoming True Concord concert, to be performed at Valley Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 22, at 7:00 PM, is one you don't want to miss. Simply put, it will be the greatest sacred choral work ever performed in *Green Valley*. To the Christian religious communities it is a profound anticipation of Lent and the Passion of Jesus Christ. To musicians and music lovers in this rich musical arts community, it is the pinnacle of Bach's genius as a composer. In itself, it will be a powerful event that draws the Green Valley community together. Besides the full concert choir of True Concord artists, the participants will include a large orchestra, The Tucson Boy Choir, and ten soloists of high reputation. This Passion is done annually in the great music cities of Germany, Vienna, London, or New York. And now it will be done by a Grammy-contender in the classical music category -- in Green Valley. Tickets are available from Gay at the church office.

**VPC Mission Quilters:** The Quilters will meet in Fellowship Hall tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested or has questions, please call Patti Bright at 305-3275.

**Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update:** Have you seen the posters by the Welcome Stations and in the main hall? They graphically show the steps involved in the process of searching for a new Pastor/Head of Staff and where the PNC is in that process. The PNC will update them as we climb to each next step.



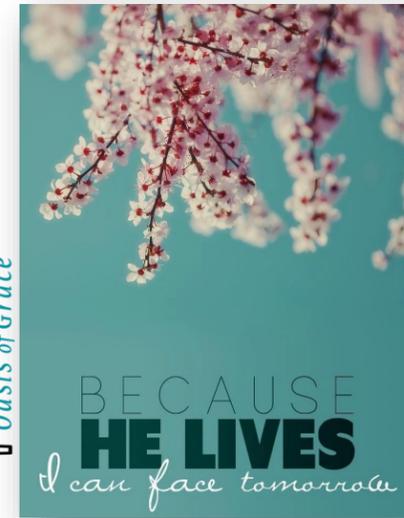
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JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*  
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

† All those who are able, please stand

9:20 A.M.

February 17, 2019

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord Jesus, you come into our midst in the most mundane of circumstances. So, how much more do you reveal your presence and call on our lives when we put aside our desires and make ourselves available to your direction during this hour? Bless us who have gathered here this morning. Let us be changed for your purpose this hour. Amen.

### WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Christopher

*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

### POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water.

P: Praise be to God.

### PRELUDE

*In This Very Room*

Ron Harris

Carrie Malovich - soloist

### INTROIT

*Surely The Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings,**

**I see glory on each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christopher

L: From Green Valley, Arizona,

P: **We gather to give our hearts, minds, souls and all our energy in adoration to God.**

L: With grateful and expectant hearts,

P: **We gather to praise God who gives living water.**

L: Those who trust in you, O God, are like trees planted by the water,

P: **Those who place their faith in you are like trees with deep roots,**

All: **We praise you, God, for the life that has no end, through Jesus our risen Christ!**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of transformation, where we have been fearful and doubting, bring new life. Where we have been hardhearted and unforgiving, bring new life. Where we have sown discord and wounded others, bring new life. Where we have been selfish and greedy, bring new life. Where we have been tired and confused, bring new life.** (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THANKSGIVING *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

**I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever living Head!**

ANTHEM *Christ is Risen, Alleluia!* Jay Althouse

Sanctuary Choir

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen as he said.  
Alleluia, sing his praises! He is risen from the dead.

Now a brighter day is dawning; hear the angel voices cry.  
All the earth with joy is waking. Glory be to God on high.  
See the tomb where he was taken; now the stone is rolled away.  
He ascended up to heaven on that joyful Easter day.

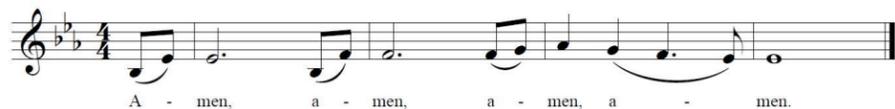
He has triumphed over darkness, rising up to heav'n on high.  
Christ is risen, Alleluia! Sing to the earth and sea and sky!

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen as he said.  
Alleluia, sing his praises! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen. For Christ is risen from the dead!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Helen Phillips

**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.**

*Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.*



YOUTH CHAT (September-May)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Deacon Jim Nelson

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Flash Nonfiction

Rev. Christopher

✠HYMN

*If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death*

If Christ had not been raised from death our faith would be in vain, our preaching but a waste of breath; our sin and guilt remain. but now the Lord is risen indeed, he rules in earth and heaven: his Gospel meets a world of need—in Christ we are forgiven.

If Christ still lay within the tomb then death would be the end, and we should face our final doom with neither guide nor friend. But now the Savior is raised up, so when a Christian dies we mourn, yet look to God in hope—in Christ the saints arise!

If Christ had not been truly raised his church would live a lie: his name should nevermore be praised, his words deserve to die. But now our great Redeemer lives; through him we are restored: his word endures, his church revives in Christ, our risen Lord.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*\*If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY

*In Christ Alone*

Getty/Townend

Brandon Jones - soloist

✠DOXOLOGY

Old One Hundredth 592

**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.**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN

*Christ Has Risen*

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✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Because He Lives*

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone,  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

✠POSTLUDE

*Risen to Victory*

Tom Birchwood

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

*Worship Aids/Sermon Notes*

Sermon Title: Flash Nonfiction

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup>But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup>More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week #6 (thru 2/10/19)			
Church Operations Weekly Finances		Weekly Church Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$16,087	2019 Attendance	448
Weekly Giving Budget	\$20,390	2018 Attendance	483
*YTD Giving Income	\$118,104	*YTD 2019 Attendance	2,630
*YTD Giving Budget	\$116,894	*YTD 2018 Attendance	2,769
*YTD: Year-to-Date			
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