

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.

\*We welcome back both Larry Worster and Susan B. Anthony. Thank you both for sharing your talents with us this morning! Larry and Katie will be reprising their prayerful and powerful rendition of *How Great Thou Art*. Susan will sing *Mein gläubiges Herz*, an aria from one of Bach's cantatas. The refrain translates as, "My heart ever faithful sings praises, be joyful, thy Jesus is near!" God has truly been with us over the years. Be joyful!

**Forming Your Faith:** Adult Sunday School Class is now meeting before the worship service. It starts at 8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5.

**Turning the Gem:** Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Tomorrow, Pastor Diane looks at one of the smallest books of the Bible Philemon. It is a story about a runaway slave who meets the Apostle Paul. Why is this story in the Bible and what can we learn from it?

**Being Mortal: Preparing for the End of Life:** Continues on Thursdays, at 9:30 a.m. Classroom 1. How do you want to live out the last years or months of your life? This class will discuss end-of-life issues and how to face them. Your teacher is Eloise Fredrickson.

**Rev. Mark Medina** will be holding office hours this Wednesday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club.

**A 6-Week Lenten Study: Creed** Do you know what you believe and why it matters? During the month of Lent, we will study "The Apostle's Creed," an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. Reference The Valley Voice for class choices and times.

**Women's Ministries:** The Women's Gathering luncheon will feature our annual Patio Sale Style Show on Tuesday, February 20th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. It is a time of great fun and great bargains. Several racks of clothing and accessories will be available for sale after the style show. You MUST have a ticket in order to attend both the luncheon and the fashion show. It is our best attended gathering every year. Tickets (\$11.00) will be available in Fellowship Hall after the worship service today.

**Lenten Devotionals:** Our in-house **Lenten Devotional** is available today at the Welcome Centers and at the Faith Formation kiosk. Pick up several for yourself, friends and neighbors.

**Tickets for the Sanctuary Choir:** (February 26th, 7:00 p.m. and February 27th, 2:00 p.m.) are available in Fellowship Hall after the service. Tickets for Joel Pierce (March 23rd, 6:00 p.m.) are also available.

## Thank you to our volunteers!

### Coffee Fellowship

Don & Karen Brooks  
Tommy & Lee Ann Calhoun  
Barbara Dittmer

### Information Center

Jim & Shelley Bellotty

### Medical Team

Marvin Clark

### Owl Express

Steve Larson, Dave Stepp

### Visitors Table

Pat Nau

### Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

### La Posada Service of Worship

Carol Wilking, Sonya Larsen

### Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Rick Nau, Bob Puttock

Flowers given by: 40th Anniversary Committee  
Forty Years of Faithfulness



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

Carolyn Ireland

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**The Grapevine:** Monday, February 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Linda Lloyd will be facilitating a conversation about the Congregational Care Transition Team and talking about all of the aspects of care provided by, and for, the congregation.

**Holy Land Opportunity!** April 29th through May 12th. Cost (\$2,600) includes hotel, food, tips, and transportation to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth. Everything but shopping and flight to and from Tel Aviv. For application or more information, contact Judy Aguayo at 760-401-4545 or email her at jaguayo1144@yahoo.com.

**Mission Breakfast:** Saturday, February 24th at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets (\$5) will be on sale today after worship. Our guest speaker, Laura Romero, is the Executive Director of St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, Arizona.

**Mission Quilts** will meet tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a snack when staying the entire time.

### Wednesday

Special Lenten Taizé - Journey to the Cross  
5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center



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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*  
STEVE RODINE, *Church Administrator*  
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*  
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



✠ All those who are able, please stand.

To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

February 18, 2018

## 40th Anniversary Worship Celebration

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

God who calls us to be the church in this place and time, we come together to celebrate Your presence among us. In this hour, as we sing and pray and listen, may you awaken in us a hope for the future. May our time together remind us why the church is needed in the world. Amen.

### WELCOME

Rev. Diane Christopher

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kay Brouwer

### PRELUDE

Mein gläubiges Herz\*  
Susan B. Anthony - soloist

J.S. Bach

### 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.

**PROFESSING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** Tom Macfarlane

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations.

**P: You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us.** (*Psalm 90:1*)

L: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (*Psalm 90:2*)

**P: You, O Lord, have been with us for these forty years!**

L: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
(*Psalm 46:1*)

**P: You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!**

L: Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (*Matthew 16:18*)

**P: You, O Lord, have built your church in this place and we have been blessed.**

**HYMN** *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1, 2, 4) 442

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** Rev. Joe Hawkin's Reflections

Read by Margaret Moore

**LITANY OF THANKS** Jim Nelson

L: O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

**P: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

L: For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as Pastors, Elders, Deacons, and Staff Members,

**P: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

L: For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

**P: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

L: For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the church triumphant in heaven,

**P: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

L: For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

**P: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

L: For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

**P: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

L: For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

**P: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**ANTHEM** *Proclamation of Gratitude* Austin/Angerman  
Sanctuary Choir

Come, ye grateful people, come! Come, ye grateful people, come!  
Come, grateful people come.

Come, ye grateful people, come. Tell the works that God has done.  
Come into His courts with praise. Ev'ry heart and voice be raised.  
Praise Him with the lute and harp; all the gifts of sacred art.  
Let the celebration start. Come, ye grateful people, come.

Ev'ry gentle gift of love flows from heaven's throne above.  
Life and health are in God's hands. Winds stand still at His command.  
God is Lord of sky and sea; Sov'reign of eternity.  
Worship now His majesty. Come, ye grateful people, come.

Ever faithful, ever sure; God's great mercies shall endure.  
Raising now our grateful song, voices pure and spirits strong.  
Thankful for this blessed place, house of worship, house of grace.  
Gladly we declare our faith. Come, ye grateful people, come.

Come, grateful people, come!

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 42

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** Rev. George Pike

**YOUTH CHAT**

*Following the message, grades 1-6 will go to Classroom 3 for Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Selections from Psalms 116, 122

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** Rev. Kay Huggins & Rev. John Dunham

**HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness 276

**SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 12:2a

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** Rev. John Ross

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS/PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
*\*If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

**OFFERTORY** *How Great Thou Art* Carl Boberg  
Katie Sayre - soloist, Larry Worster\* - guitar

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Corinthians 15:58

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** Rev. Diane Christopher

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN** *Lead On, O King Eternal* (vs. 1, 3)  
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**BENEDICTION**

L: We go back out into the world to love and serve the world around us,

**P: just as we have done for 40 years, so we continue to do so.**

L: We go out held in the loving arms of God who Creates, Redeems, Supports, and Sustains us.

**P: We are not alone! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠ **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** *Fanfare* Gordon Young

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

### **THE COOKBOOKS ARE HERE!**

In celebration of VPC's 40th anniversary, the Women's Ministries compiled a cookbook containing over 470 recipes, a few of which are favorites from earlier cookbooks.

Sales continue today after worship. The cookbooks will be available at the Women's Ministries table every Sunday and will sell for \$18.00 each or 2 for \$35.00.