

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.

*Give Me Jesus is an African-American spiritual. These types of spirituals were originally monophonic (a single melody line), sung without accompaniment, and were antecedents of the blues. They were often an expression of spiritual devotion and had themes of comfort and freedom. Give Me Jesus portrays all of these themes: a devotion to God, a cry for comfort, and a freedom from this world into an eternal life with Jesus.

Turning the Gem: This Monday, January 22nd at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5, Pastor Diane continues showing us that God is the one who pursues us. Knowing this, what does this say about the church?

Forming Your Faith: Adult Sunday School Class today in Classroom 5 after worship: On January 1st, the standard deduction for a married couple doubled from \$12,000 to \$24,000. This means that a married couple can receive a tax break only if their itemized deductions go over \$24,000. The fear? People will reduce their charitable giving. Pastor Diane will lead our discussion on what this means for us in the church.

Rev. Mark Medina is holding office hours on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club. Feel free to drop in for coffee or iced tea.

Tickets for the Sanctuary Choir: (February 26, 7:00 p.m. and February 27, 2:00 p.m.) are available in Fellowship Hall after the service. Tickets for the Sanctuary Choir are valid at either or both performances. No free-will offering will be taken. Tickets for Joel Pierce (March 23, 6:00 p.m.) are also available.

The Inquisitors Explore "Living the Questions:" Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1. Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living." With "Living the Questions," we will examine our faiths in an environment where participants can interact with each other and fine tune our beliefs to make them more worth having and living. We will view 20-minute segments of conversations of leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. After each segment, we will discuss how what we have seen might be used to help us grow spiritually. These will be stimulating, fun discussions. For further information, contact Grant Stitt at 396-3549.

Flowers: If you would like to reserve flowers (one or both arrangements) in your name for any future Service of Worship, please call the church office (625-5023) or sign up at our Information Center on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$34 for each arrangement.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Barbara Dittmer, Marvin Clark,
Bill & Pam Karbowsky

Information Center

Pat Bruner

Medical Team

Jim Penney

Owl Express

Herb Andrews, Mike Peake

Welcome Centers

Rick and Pat Nau

La Posada Service of Worship

Gee-Gee Smith, Sonya Larsen

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Harold Jenkins

Grief Support Workshop: VPC offers the Grief Support Workshop for five consecutive Tuesdays: January 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th and February 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. The facilitator is Karen Woodrow who has volunteered for the past 30 plus years in various aspects of Hospice organizations. Her focus for the past nine years has been on bereavement. There is no charge, but participants need to pre-register with the church office (625-5023).

Patio Sale Meeting: There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 for Amigo and Department Heads.

The Next Grapevine Open Forum is Monday, January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We'll be looking at the financial and stewardship health here at Valley. Bring your questions.

Exploring Membership Class Tuesdays, January 30th, February 6th and 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. What does it mean to be a member? Why join a church? How is the Presbyterian Denomination different from other denominations? What ministries do we do at Valley? Come to this class to find the answers to these questions and so much more. At the end of the class, you will have the opportunity to become a regular member or an associate member (an associate member keeps their membership in a "home" church). To register, contact Pastor Diane at 625-5023.

Wednesday, January 24th - Old-Time Hymn Sing

5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center

A fun service of singing old hymns, reading scripture, listening to a short message, and sharing in a few prayers.



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STEVE RODINE, *Church Administrator*
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



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

✠ All those who are able, please stand.

9:30 a.m.

January 21, 2018

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, may we hear your voice.
In the stillness of night, in the clatter of day.
You call us, and we respond, Here I am!
May we follow you and,
May we love as you love. Amen.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Lloyd

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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love arr. Tom Colvin
Betty Clapp - flute

INTROIT

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Seekers Church

Rev. Medina

L: *Let us worship the One who calls us.*

P: **Here we are, ready or not, called by the One who lived and died and rose to live again among us.**

L: *Here we are, ready or not, bringing our everyday selves to praise and to pray, to know the Holy One in the midst of our lives.*

All: **Let us worship the One who calls us.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you have called us by name. You will not let us lounge in bed. You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember your glorious world and the wonderful people in our lives. You will not let us hide under the tree. You summon us from the shade to be changed into people of light and love, dreams and joy. You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth. You unearth our fears and speak them aloud without reservations. Break us free from all those thoughts and actions that cause us fear and hurt of others. Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak. Reveal the words we need most. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Hear us now, O God, as we lift up our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

ANTHEM *Give Me Jesus** arr. Lance Bastian
Sanctuary Choir; Pam Coggins - oboe

In the mornin' when I rise, in the mornin' when I rise;
In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus; Give me Jesus;
Oh, you may take all the world, give me Jesus.

At dark midnight when I cry, at dark midnight when I cry;
At dark midnight when I cry, oh, give me Jesus.
You may take all the world,
but give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die;
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus; Give me Jesus;
You may take all the world,
but give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

YOUTH CHAT (September-May)

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Deacon Peggy Babcock

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 423)
Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51 (Pew Bible p. 1647)
Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"An Invitation to Come and See"

Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* O Quanta Qualia 516

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

Serenade F. Haydn
Betty Clapp - flute

✠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

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace 507

✠BENEDICTION

✠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

Postlude on "St. Denio"

Don Wyrzten

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "An Invitation to Come and See"

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

John 1:43-51 (NIV)

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Phillip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Phillip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."