

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.

*Beethoven's fourteenth piano sonata is most commonly referred to as the *Moonlight Sonata*. Claire de lune by Debussy translates to "Moonlight" and was inspired by a poem by the French poet Paul Verlaine. Do you see a theme? I watched the fog roll in over the fields as Maine's cool evenings set in. The fireflies were out and the moon shone brightly overhead. I thought of these pieces.

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.

Rev. Mark Medina will be holding office hours on Wednesday, August 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Posada Java, 665 S. Park Centre Ave., at La Posada.

Our Tuesday Movie: Join us Tuesday, July 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. July Movie Ministry concludes with the film *I Can Only Imagine*, a beautiful and emotionally powerful movie. You may know the inspiring Christian song *I Can Only Imagine*, but this is the moving story behind it. Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins star in this inspiring true story behind the group MercyMe's beloved hit song. Running from a troubled home life and a broken relationship, Bart Millard (played by J. Michael Finley) found escape in music. Hitting the road in a decrepit tour bus, Bart and his band MercyMe set out on an amazing journey none of them could ever have imagined. Filled with uplifting music, this movie beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love. Bring a friend and enjoy free popcorn and drinks. Discussion moderated by Gail Barker.

VPC is a Caring Place: We can all help to enrich VPC's caring ministries with a bright smile, a sincere greeting, and a word of encouragement. Remember, when you meet someone with extra needs, contact the office and/or Rev. Dr. Lloyd at 625-5023.

Peace and Justice Committee: The committee meets the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be August 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. All are welcome!

Administration Time: Monday mornings are set aside for Rev. Medina. Please contact Gay in the office to set up a time for any administrative items if unable to make it on a Monday. Thank you.

Noisy Offering is today. Please gather up your loose change and toss it into the buckets during our noisy offering. The proceeds will go to purchase peanut butter for the Green Valley and Amado Food Banks.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Information Center
Pat Bruner

Medical Team
Marvin Clark

Owl Express
Dave Stepp

Welcome Centers
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship
Linda Freeman, Sonya Larsen

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

LaRue Haff

Flowers given by: Billy Youngblut

In loving memory and not forgotten, my son, Gary Silver

Movement & Exercise:

Parkinson's Support/Exercise meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

Chair Exercise classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There is a fee. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.



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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*
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

July 29, 2018

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(inspired by John 14: 16-17)

Jesus promised

I will ask the father

He will give you another advocate

To help you and be with you forever

The spirit of truth

The world cannot accept as they do not see or know him,

But you know him

He lives with and within you

I will not leave you as orphans

I will come to you. Amen.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Lloyd

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

NOISY OFFERING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

L: *Jesus is the Living Water.*

P: **Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata No. 14, Op. 27, No. 2
I. Adagio sostenuto*

L. Beethoven

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**

(inspired by Psalm 36:5-10)

Rev. Medina

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love finds us.

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
your steadfast presence gives us hope.

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

Let us worship the God who loves us unconditionally.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God,

to confess what you already know—we have failed to keep your laws.

Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives.

We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own.

Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and Redeemer.

Hear us now, O God, as we bring our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

We are God’s children, loved, forgiven, and freed! Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Into My Heart* (v. 1) 2160

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

ANTHEM *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Mack Wilberg

Sanctuary Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
Oh my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Over all things He gloriously reigneth.
Borne as on eagle wings, safely His saints He sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy way and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath breath, join with Abraham’s seed to adore Him!
Let the “amen” sum all our praises again,
Now as we worship before Him.
Now as we worship before Him!

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN (June-September)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Elder Marie Valade

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 36:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:8-17, 25-26

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “*Living Beyond Mere Words*” Rev. Medina

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed P. 14

✠HYMN *Though I May Speak* O Waly Waly 335

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Martha Ashton, Kay Davison, Carol Peeler, Janice Potter

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Suite bergamasque* Claude Debussy
III. Claire de lune*

✠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 *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* Beecher 343

✠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 *Recessional C-dur* Douglas Wagner

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: “Living Beyond Mere Words”

Psalm 36:1-12

¹I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before their eyes. ²In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin. ³The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful; they fail to act wisely or do good. ⁴Even on their beds they plot evil; they commit themselves to a sinful course and do not reject what is wrong. ⁵Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. ⁶Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. ⁷How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. ⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. ¹⁰Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart. ¹¹May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. ¹²See how the evildoers lie fallen— thrown down, not able to rise!

John 14:8-17, 25-26

⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. ¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

²⁵“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
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