



August 29, 2021

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: *Be Still and Know, with Be Still, My Soul* Arr. M. Hayes

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

**OUTPOURING OF THE WATER, PASSING THE PEACE,
RINGING THE BOWL**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

Almighty God, You sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, peace; patience, kindness, goodness; faith, gentleness and self-control; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

✦ **OPENING HYMN**

Standing on the Promises

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CALL TO PRAYER

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. When we confess our sins, God who is just may be trusted to forgive our sins, cleansing us from every kind of wrong.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in Jesus Christ you have called us to be a servant people, but we do not always do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak out, closed-off when we should listen, reserved when we are needed. We can be lazy servants, timid and heartless, who turn strangers away from your love. Have mercy on us O God, and although we do not deserve your care, forgive us and free us from sin through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(SILENT PRAYER) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and actions of the heart. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠GLORIA PATRI

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

Be Not Afraid
Gee-Gee Smith, Vocalist

B. Dufford, S.J.

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of Me,
blessed, blessed are you!

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

Mark 7:1-8

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.'

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

Mark 7:14-23

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—rape, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

SERMON “What Defines a Person”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles’ Creed* 35

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 at 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** *Live into Hope* 772

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

People Need the Lord

G. Nelson, P. McHugh/Arr. B. Wolaver

✦ **DOXOLGY**

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**

Abide with Me

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CHARGE AND 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 as 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 step 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

Praise His Greatness

Arr. M. Hayes

✦ All those who are able, please stand

All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:
www.valleypres.net

Sanctuary Flowers Provided by:

Dick and Marilyn Barney in honor of their 60th Anniversary.

The Rose on the Baptismal Font honors the passing of Darlene Fiel on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

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

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall. If you 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.



Starting now, through September 12th, the Faith and Health Committee/Parish Nurse would like to ask your participation in a Needs Assessment Survey. This survey will be available in church at the Welcome Centers and church office, in the Valley Voice, and through a link on the E-blasts.

Community Food Bank Hunger Walk

It's back! Saturday, September 11th. To end hunger in our communities. You can walk as an individual, walk with the VPC people team, or make a donation. All can be done on the website:

<https://donate.communityfoodbank.org/team/366355>

MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Mission Outreach Committee researches, reviews and evaluates those ministries and organizations which receive, or are applying for, our financial support. If interested in serving on this committee, please contact Doug Clark, Douglasclark68@me.com, or (520) 207-4104.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
July-2021		Through Week #34 (08/22/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 48,060	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	142
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 30,017	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	4572
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 396,533	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	127
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 402,818	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	4886
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	9458
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
<small>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</small>			
<small>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dx38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</small>			

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