



September 5, 2021
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* Watts arr. G. Young

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Craig

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE and TOLLING OF THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Diane

God of the ages, You call the church to keep watch in the world, discerning the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which Your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim Your Prophetic word, completing the work set before us through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

CALL TO PRAYER

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self, not counting persons' trespasses against them, while entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

LITANY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Almighty God, you established your church on the rock of human faith and trust; we praise you for Jesus Christ, the pioneer, perfection and protector of all we believe. Empower us to accept the responsibility of our freedom of will; the burden of our privilege, and so to conduct ourselves as to set an example for others to follow.

P: O God, be our strength!

L: That we may not be content with secondhand faith, worshipping words rather than faith, ritual rather than relationship.

P: O God, be our strength!

L: That we may find joy in the study of Scripture, growth in exposure to new ideas.

P: O God, be our strength!

L: That we may be a vital part of our community and presbytery, sharing in the great mission which you have set before us, seeking the common good.

P: O God, be our strength!

L: That we may find in your church a prod to our imaginations, a shock to our dullness, a resource to do your will.

P: O God, be our strength!

L: O God, who gave us minds to know you, hearts to love you, voices to sing your praise: send your Spirit among us that directed by your truth we may be free to live in relationship with you as we should.

P: [Silent Prayer] Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In every age, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of prophets, kings and apostles, has used believers like us to do God's work, showing justice, doing mercy, reconciling the world to the love of God. Friends, believe the good news: 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

In Remembrance

B. Red arr. L. Larson/
J. Bruner

Jim Bruner, Soloist

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor,
In remembrance of Me, open the door and let you brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too,
that this is My body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me, search for truth.
In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above, but in your heart, look in your heart, look in your heart for God.

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 READING

Isaiah 35

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

And a highway will be there;

it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.
The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not journey on it;
No lion will be there,
no any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there,
But only the redeemed will walk there,
and those the Lord has rescued will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them.
And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

SERMON “The Answer Is Blowing in The Wind”

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation
The Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Words of Institution
The Communion

✦ **HYMN** *God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn* 787

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Worship You, Almighty God with Holy, Holy, Holy*
S. Corbett-Wood arr. M. Hayes

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

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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**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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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

Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It

W.J. Kirkpatrick 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:
Martha Ashton in honor of Charlie's Birthday

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation: Mark Horton

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>



Following the Footstep of Apostle Paul

With Pastor Diane and Katie Sayre

**Starting Wednesday, September 15th
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm in the Spiritual Life Center**

Pastor Diane and Katie Sayre are offering a 4-week class on their studies in the scripture, and the culture of Greece and how it affected Apostle Paul, the ruins, lots of pictures and samples of the different foods they tried.


CHOIR AND BELLS PRACTICE BEGINS

We are excited to announce dates and times for this upcoming choir and bell season. Choir will begin practice Wednesday, September 8, 3:15pm. We will begin in the Spiritual Life Center and then move to the Sanctuary. Bells will begin Wednesday, September 15, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Any questions please contact Jamie Reed jamie@valleypres.net.

MEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY IS RESUMING

This church-sponsored men's group will be meeting on Wednesdays starting September 15, at 9:00am in classroom 1. Please come and join the discussion

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
July-2021		Through Week #35 (08/29/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 48,060	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	147
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 30,017	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	4719
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 396,533	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	154
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 402,818	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	5040
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	9759
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service			
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

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