

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

Eternal Spirit, source of all excellence, inspire us today as though the sun of a new spiritual springtime. Carry us out of inner darkness and gloom into light, out of deadness of heart into life, out of barrenness into fruition and the promise of a good harvest. Thanks be to Thee for homes where fidelity and good will have made life beautiful, for friends we have known and loved, and for neighbors unknown by whose multiplied service and sacrifice across the ages a great heritage has come to us. Make us worthy of this high company of the world's servants and saviors.

✦ **OPENING HYMN** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* 331

CALL TO PRAYER

We need God in our troubles. We are burdened with the sorrows of the world, with the needs and griefs of those we love, with inner perplexities and problems that destroy our peace. We must choose between faith and fear, courage and cynicism, strength of character and collapse of life – we would choose a better way. Open our eyes to see opportunity here where we struggled, to be challenged and not defeated by our troubles, knowing that the faith for us is greater than the anxieties against us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We pray for the world, facing disasters, sobered by fears. O LORD who sat as king over the flood, be sovereign to us now, as the floods of our time threaten. Grant us patience to endure, let us lift others by our faith and not depress by our doubts. Grant wisdom to those upon whom rest the cares of our world. So overrule the waywardness of humanity, that doors may open where we imagined all possibility was lost, that peace may come at last with promise and justice, decency and freedom. Deepen our appreciation of the opportunities that face us in troubled times. God forgive us that we so often ask for ease and comfort. Birth in us the spirit of our pilgrim sires, who dared the wintry ocean and were not afraid. Make us worthy of the mothers and fathers of our faith, and send us out grateful that we are not called into a finished perfect world, but into a time that we might lend a hand to others, with You, in the world's redemption. O God, cleanse our hearts, forgive our sins, amend our ways. Grant that in this place where we have come to worship, Your transforming grace may change our lives. Turn us from the grudges we have borne, the hurts we have nurtured, the scars we have cherished, that we may go forward, resurrected to live anew and transformed through Jesus Christ. *(Silent prayer)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sent the world God's only Son. Since God loves us so much, we too should love one another. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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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 *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*
L. Wolf/arr. J. Schrader
Chancel Choir

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

Job 2: 1-10

On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.”

“Skin for skin!” Satan replied. “A man will give all he has for his own life. But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!”

He replied, “You are talking foolish. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?”

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Since the children have flesh and blood, the Christ too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of one who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he

might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

SERMON “RETURN OR REDEMPTION”

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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

✦ **HYMN** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* 418

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Finally Home* D. Lantz III, T.H. Roehrich
Chancel Choir Soloists: Sheila Frahm, Ken Frahm

From my sleep I have awakened to Your grace,
and behold with pure delight my Savior's face.
No more doubts my heart assail, no more striving just to fail,
from Your eyes a sweet acceptance fills this place.

Oh, how often I despaired to know Your peace,
praying long that anger, pain, and loss would cease.
Though I labored just to care, every moment You were there;
knowing fragile faith through sorrows would increase.

Chorus:

Finally home, I'm finally home.
The journey has been long as I've learned to sing Your song.
Finally home, I'm finally home.
All is right that once was wrong, I'm finally home.

All creation sings Your glory, might and power.
You are God Almighty, Sovereign of each hour.
Yet in love Your nail-scarred hand has reached to help me stand
with Your promise of the heaven I desire.

Chorus

All is right that once was wrong, I'm finally home

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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**

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

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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 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

G. Warren arr. A. Page

✦ All those who are able, please stand

All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:

www.valleypres.net

Sanctuary Flowers provided by: Anonymous

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation: Sally Ruschmeier

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.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
August-2021		Through Week #39 (9/26/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 53,520	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	135
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 39,626	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	5,305
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 450,053	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	161
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 442,444	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	5,489
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	10,794
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5,272
<i>* YTD = Year to Date</i>		<i>** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</i>	
<i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dx38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			

JOYFUL SPIRIT ENSEMBLE HAS OPENINGS

We are an ensemble of melodic percussion instruments, no instrument music experience necessary! Rehearsals are Tuesday at 2:00pm in the Sweet Family Room. Contact Joan Dakin

520-576-2588 or email jbelldakin@yahoo.com.

MEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

This church-sponsored men's group meets on Wednesdays at 9:00am in classroom 1. Please come and join the discussion.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice is on Wednesday, at 3:15pm in the Spiritual Life Center. If you have any questions please contact Jamie Reed at Jamie@valleypres.net.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturdays, October 9th, 16th, & 23rd, 10:00am– 11:30am. For more information and to register, contact Pastor Diane Christopher (520-625-5023; pastordiane@valleypres.net)

HISTORY OF CHURCH MUSIC CLASS

Beginning October 12th, on Tuesdays at 10:00AM in the Spiritual Life Center, there will be a six-week course exploring the history of church music in the Western Christian Church. We will discuss the roots of our musical worship, why we do what we do on Sunday mornings, and much more. Please join us. This course will be taught by Wes Moulton.

WOMENS MINISTRY-PATIO SALE STYLE SHOW IS BACK!

At the October Women’s Ministries Gathering Lunch on October 19th we will be showcasing (and selling) great clothes that have been donated to the patio sale. This is always a fun even so be sure to get your reservation at the Women’s Ministries table before and after Sunday worship on October 10th and October 17th for \$11.00.

TAIZE WORSHIP!

Taize Worship is this Thursday, October 7th, at 5:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center

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