



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Arr. H. Walcha

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

Everything Biblical begins at sunset the night before... “And there was evening and there was morning”. This night, we begin marking our way to the Cross and through death to Christ’s resurrection. This night begins the 40 days of Lent. This night, we take down the palms we waved a year ago, cognizant that we were also among the crowds who crucified him. A year later, the palms have lost all life, being only chaff for the fire. We burn the palms to ash and we are marked with the sign of the cross. Just as we were marked with water at our Baptism, now we are marked with ashes as reminder of our need for him.

PASSING THE PEACE

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

L: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

P: now is the day of salvation.

L: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

P: That the light of your face may shine on us.

L: May your justice shine like the sun;

P: and may the poor be lifted up.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

What Wondrous Love Is This

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CALL TO PRAYER

Beware of practicing your piety before others, in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness. Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, a reminder that only by your

gracious gift are we given everlasting forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Silent prayer) Amen

POURING OUT THE WATERS/ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this, while we were still sinners, Christ came for us, forgiving us before we ever knew the meaning and power of being forgiven. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ LORD, HAVE MERCY

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Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;

Lord have mercy upon us.

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ANTHEM *Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God*

C.F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence;

And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;

And uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;

And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

SCRIPTURE

2nd Corinthians 5:16-6:10

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that

our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

SERMON

“Ambassadors of Christ”

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The 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, died, 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Road to the Cross

L. Smith

✠ 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.

✠ IMPOSITION OF ASHES

✠ HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Arr. M. Hayes

✠ **All those who are able, please stand**

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Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation: Carol Stephens

NAME BADGES are available to order in the church office at no charge. If you are new and would like to have a name badge or have lost your name badge, we would love to order them for you. Please contact the church at 520-625-5023, or VPC-office@valleypres.net

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday March 6th

Immediately after worship in the Sanctuary, the Nominating Committee will recommend that Dale Honermann be elected to fulfill the 2023 Session Vacancy from Jim Nelson and Bill Streng each moving out of State; and recommend Cheryl Stepp and Bud Landry be elected to fill the 2024 Deacon positions which previously were unfilled.

MUSIC IN THE VALLEY CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS CALEB COLLINS,
Sunday, March 6th at 3:00 p.m. at Valley Presbyterian Church.

Grammy Award Nominee Caleb Collins brings his piano stylings and velvety vocals together in a concert of jazz standards and treasured hymns that is sure to have you singing along. Caleb is the grandson of Fred Collins, a longtime member and bass singer in the choir at Valley Presbyterian, and Valley Presbyterian holds many fond memories for Caleb and his family whenever they came to visit from Idaho. This concert will be dedicated to Caleb's grandfather, Fred Collins, and the appreciation of music and service that he left behind.

Tickets are \$20 and are on sale at Valley Presbyterian Church, Monday - Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday March 6:

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting

3:00 p.m. Music in the Valley with Caleb Collins

Monday, March 7:

10:00 a.m. Holy Solitude (Lenten Reflections)—in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 8:

4:00 p.m. Faithworks (Zoom Class)

Thursday, March 10:

8:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m. Patio Sale

5:00 p.m. Lenten Taize—in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 11:

8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Patio Sale

Saturday, March 12:

8:00 a.m.—Noon Patio Sale

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available at the Welcome Centers in the Narthex. Pick yours up today.

HOLY SOLITUDE

Mondays at 10:00 a.m., Starting March 7,
with Pastor Diane and Linda Norman.

Longing to go deep into Lent this year? This class will delve into Lenten reflections from a book called “Holy Solitude” by Heidi Haverkamp. The readings begin Ash Wednesday, March 2. The book can be purchased (\$12) from Pastor Diane. A Kindle version is also available. Let Pastor Diane know if you wish to join by Zoom (pastordiane@valleypres.net).

LINES, CURVES AND COLORS—REJOICING IN THE GIFT OF IMAGINATION.

Mondays beginning March 14, 1:00—1:30 p.m.,
with Linda Freeman.

This Lenten class is for the visual in you. Using music and the art of coloring, this class will help you enjoy the gift of imagination. Please consider this a unique way to celebrate the Lenten season.



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