



## **CALL TO PRAYER**

You know the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake became common, that by his poverty, you might seek the divine.

## **LITANY OF THE BEATITUDES**

L: Jesus said, "Happy are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven." God, help us to know that apart from you we have nothing. Save us from pride that mistakes your gifts as our possessions; keep us humble enough to see that we are always need you.

**P: Happy are the poor in spirit.**

L: Thank you for your Son Jesus, who though he was rich, became poor to live among us; who had no place for himself on earth. By his weakness, we are made strong, by his poverty, rich.

**P: Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

L: Jesus said, "Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." We are discouraged by evil and frightened by death, having no hope within ourselves. Unless you speak to us, O God, we shall be overcome by grieving and despair. On the cross, Jesus faced evil, desertion and death. You raised him up in triumph over every dark power.

**P: Happy are those who mourn, they shall be comforted.**

L: Jesus said, "Happy are the gentle, they shall have the earth." Restrain our arrogance and show us our place. Keep us obedient,

for we are your servants, who deserve no honors. Jesus never called us slaves, but true sons and daughters. Help us to order all things for joy according to your will.

**P: Happy are the gentle, they shall have the earth.**

L: Jesus said, "Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied." Stir up in us a desire for justice and a love of your law. May we never live carelessly or selfishly, but in all our dealing with neighbors may we look for the right and do it.

**P: Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, they shall be satisfied.**

L: Jesus said, "Happy are the merciful. They shall be shown mercy." We nurse wrongs, letting resentments rule us. We tolerate evil in ourselves, while harshly judging neighbors. On the cross, Jesus forgave unforgivable things, giving his life for sinners. Receiving his mercy, may we forgive others.

**P: Happy are the merciful, they shall have mercy shown to them.**

L: Jesus said, "Happy are the pure in heart, they shall see God." We are not pure. We do not live in love. The good we do, we admire too much. We tabulate and keep score of our virtues. In Jesus we see you face to face, and praise you for your goodness. Deliver us from a divided heart.

**P: Happy are the pure in heart, they shall see God.**

L: Jesus said, "Happy are the peacemakers, they shall be called Children of God." We have been discontent to live in peace. We have shared discord, prejudice, gossip and fear. Christ broke down walls of hate to make one people of the earth. As he has reconciled us to you, may we be reconciled one to another, living in peace with all your children.

**P: Happy are the peacemakers, who shall be called Children of God.**

L: Jesus said, “Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” We are afraid to risk speaking out for what is right. We have grown accustomed to wrong and been silent in the face of injustice. Give us anger without hate, courage to obey you no matter the opponent. May we follow Jesus in love and justice, following where he leads.

**P: Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

L: Jesus said, “Happy are you when people abuse and persecute you, speaking all kinds of evil against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” Give us a will to live by your commandments. Keep us from slander, cruelty and mocking, that we may be faithful disciples.

**P: Jesus said, “Happy are you when people abuse and persecute you, speaking all kinds of evil against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”**

L: You are the light of the world, but your light must shine that others can find the way to God.

**P: Amen**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God willed that the last shall be first, the first shall be last, and the measure of Christ’s kingdom would be a child. 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**

*Variations on a Theme of Mozart*  
Christine Vivona, Harp

M. Glinka

**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**

Joshua 5: 13-15

The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord<sup>[b]</sup> have for his servant?”

The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Mark 9: 38-41

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Mark 9: 49-50

Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

**SERMON** “WHOMEVER IS NOT AGAINST US IS FOR US”

✦ **THE 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, 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.

✦ **HYMN**      *In an Age of Twisted Values*      345

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**      *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
Christine Vivona, Harp      Arr.F. Voltz

✦ **DOXOLOGY**      606

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**      *The Church's One Foundation*      321

✦ **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**            *Heavenly Sunlight*                            G.H./Arr. M. Hayes

✦ All those who are able, please stand

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**All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:**

[www.valleypres.net](http://www.valleypres.net)

**Sanctuary Flowers Provided by:** Kylene Joplin, in Honor and Loving Memory of Jimmie Joplin

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or 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](http://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 #37 (09/12/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 53,520	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	145
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 39,626	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	5,018
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 450,053	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	140
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 442,444	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	5,328
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	10,346
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5,272
<small>* YTD = Year to Date      ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</small>			
<small>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959      2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</small>			



### **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.

### **BELLS PRACTICE & CHOIR PRACTICE**

Bells practice is on Wednesdays, 2:00pm – 3:00pm in the Sweet Family Room, Choir practice starts 3:15pm in the Spiritual Life Center. Any questions please contact Jamie Reed [jamie@valleypres.net](mailto:jamie@valleypres.net).

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GATHERING LUNCHEON**



The first Women's Ministries Gathering Luncheon will be held on Sept. 21st. Pastor Diane will introduce this year's Bible study and discuss lesson 1. We will be taking reservations after church Sunday Sept. 19th. The cost is \$11.00 for a prepared lunch.

Study books are also available for \$11.00. Please join us for faith and fellowship.

**PATIO SALE FASHION SHOW IN NEED OF GENTLY USED CLOTHING**  
Preferred sizes, medium and large. Please bring to the Women's Ministry table in the Fellowship Hall after worship service.

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**CREATING INSPIRATIONAL CARDS FOR YOUTH ON THEIR OWN (YOTO):** Plan to join us on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00pm - 3:30p.m. in Classroom 5. These cards are included with the monthly stipend checks the kids receive, and they bring a caring thought to each individual student. Come when you can and leave when you need to. Hope to see you there! (Mary Horn, Mission Committee liaison to YOTO).

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### EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS



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

	 
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