



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 13, 2022

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Kocher & Pierpoint/
 Joyful Spirit Ensemble Arr. J. Dakin

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Craig

PASSING THE PEACE

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

The poor and hungry know the reality of their situation. They are totally dependent upon God and therefore disposed to entrust themselves to God's care and mercy, which is the foundation of grace and a right relationship with God. The comfortable, take comfort in themselves and their resources, thereby finding it more difficult to trust themselves to the mercy and grace of God. May we, like the multitude who came to hear him be healed and cured of unclean spirits, for grace and glory come from Jesus.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

God of Grace and God of Glory

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CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor Diane

O give thanks for the Lord is good. God's love endures forever.

A LITANY OF THE BEATITUDES

Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor, theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

People: God our Father, help us to know that away from You, we have nothing. Save us from pride that mistakes gifts for possessions; and keep us humble enough to see we are sinners always in need of You.

L: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

P: Thank you for Jesus, who from the cross faced evil, death and desertion. You raised him over every fear and doubt.

L: Jesus said, "Blessed are the gentle, they shall inherit the earth."

P: Restrain our arrogance and show us our place on earth. Keep us obedient, for we are your servants.

L: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they shall be satisfied.

P: May we never live carelessly, selfishly, but in all things look for the right and do it.

L: Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy shown to them."

P: Father, we have not forgiven as you have forgiven us. We nurse old wrongs and let resentments rule us. We tolerate evil in ourselves, yet harshly judge our neighbors. Forgive us.

L: Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

P: We have not lived in peace. We have spread discord, gossip, prejudice and fear among neighbors.

L: Jesus, in this season after the Epiphany, help us to see how upside down we have remade God's world. (*Silent Prayer*)

Leader: Amen

POURING OUT THE WATERS / ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 119: 1, 2

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep the Lord's decrees, who seek the Lord with their whole heart. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ **GLORIA PATRI**

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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

Holy

G. Caccini/Arr. T. Fettke

Holy, Holy Lord.

Holy God of power, Holy God of might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Holy, Holy Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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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

The Gospel of Luke 6:17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your
reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the
prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

SERMON

“The Plain Sermon”

✠ **HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Trees of the Field
Joyful Spirit Ensemble

Ruben & Dauermann/
Arr. K. Albrecht

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

✠ **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.

✠ **HYMN** *Come, Great God of All the Ages* 309

✠ **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** *Waterlife* D. Christiansen

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

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:

www.valleypres.net

Flowers for the Sanctuary were provided by: Eloise Fredrickson in honor of all those with February Birthdays.

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation: Bob Szabo, Bill Sproull.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
January-2022		Through Week #6 (02/06/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 94,242	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	303
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 99,602	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	1,441
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 94,242	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	170
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 99,602	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	1,211
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	2,652
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	517
<i>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</i>			
<i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			

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, 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 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY A big **THANK YOU** to all of you who volunteered to book appointments, greet people, showed up to have your picture taken or submitted your own photo, and helped in all the other ways that made this year's Pictorial Directory such a success. We should see the results of our work in late March/early April. Well done, one and all.

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S MUSIC IN THE VALLEY concert series presents "Endless Love" featuring Darnell T. Roulhac, **TODAY**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$20.00.

HOW THE HECK CAN I EXPRESS MY FAITH? Starting Monday, we invite you to join Pastor Diane and Linda Freeman who will guide you in how you can communicate your faith by writing a devotion. Mondays, Feb 14, 21, & 28 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. Contact Pastor Diane if you would like to attend. pastordiane@valleypres.net, or 520-625-5023.

The Women's Ministries February Gathering Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 15th will feature our organist Wes Moulton in a program about Black church music. We will also have the National Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. Please join us at 11:30 am for fellowship and what's sure to be an enjoyable program. Reservations will be taken before and after the service on Sunday, February 13th at the Women's Ministries table. Cost is \$11.00.

JOIN US FOR EMPTY BOWLS, February 19th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This will be a walk-through event with wonderful raffle baskets and silent auction items to view. Soup will be to-go with many varieties to select from. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be on sale today.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 11:00 A.M. OUR VPC FOUNDATION Hosts a Giving Forum and Luncheon on Tax-Saving Recommendations to maximize your legacy. Please pick up a free ticket this morning at Fellowship Hour.

FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNER: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, Kettle Dinner will feature a chicken with garlic parmesan sauce at 5:00 p.m. Then at 6:00 p.m. Rusty Ford will be performing traditional and contemporary country/pop/standards. Tickets are \$15.00 for the dinner and will be on sale **TODAY**.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF program, facilitated by Carolyn Eubanks Hill starts Monday, February 21st at 2:30 p.m. This unique program is eight 1-1/2 hour sessions and is free of charge, including class materials. Please contact Pastor Diane to register at (520) 625-5023.

“GOD GREW TIRED OF US” SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 3:00 P.M.
Pastor Lindsey will host a free-showing of the National Geographic film about The Lost-boys of South Sudan, titled “God Grew Tired of Us”. This award winning 90-minute film deals with questions of what it means to be family, what it means to be American, what is life for refugees? Pastor Craig had personal involvement with this story, as one of the refugees in this film was among the persons he sponsored and later married and was ordained as a Presbyterian Elder.



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