



TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 6, 2022

Special Congregational Meeting

PRELUDE

Blessed Are They from *The German Requiem*

J. Brahms

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

PASSING THE PEACE

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

In Jesus Christ, God ordered us, that we should live as neighbors. Though we be scattered in different places, speak different dialects, or descend from different races, give us human concern

for one another, that we may be One throughout Creation, who share the governing of the world under Your guidance and love. May greed, war, and lusts for power be curbed, and all of us enter the community of the beloved, promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* 223

CALL TO PRAYER

God of the Ages, eternal Father: In Your sight, Nations rise and fall, passing through times of peril. Now as the world is troubled, be near to judge and save. May leaders be led by Your wisdom; may they search Your will and see it clearly. If and where we have turned from Your way, reverse our paths, and help us to repent. Give us Your light and Your truth, guiding us through the conviction of Jesus Christ, Lord of this world.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, You sent Jesus to save the lost! Judge us with Your love and mercy, lifting the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure our motives right when we are stained. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, blind to Your truth. Eternal God, our only hope, our help in times of trouble: get Nations to work out differences! Do not let threats multiply, or power to be used without compassion. May your Word rule over the words of party and Nation, so that we may agree and settle claims peacefully. Hold back impulsive persons, lest desires for vengeance overwhelm our common welfare. Bring peace to earth right now, we pray, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Savior of us all. *(Silent prayer)* Amen

POURING OUT THE WATERS/ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we asked darkness to cover us, and light to become night around us, the darkness would not be dark to God, night would be as light as day. God examines and knows our hearts, guiding us in the way of everlasting. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ **KYRIE**

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Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM *God So Loved the World* J. Stainer
God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that who so believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world.
but that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give all their authority and splendor; for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So, if you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

SERMON **"TEMPTATIONS AND TRUST"**

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.

✠ **HYMN** *This Is My Father's World* 370

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lenten Meditation* J. Althouse

Jesus Christ, my Savior lived for me, and died,
source of my salvation yet was crucified.
Peace that knows no measure: this by faith I see.
Love that knows no ending; Jesus died for me.

Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days.

And Lord, by your grace help us change our sinful ways.

Hear me now, Lord Jesus; I will never stray.
I will never wander. Hear me as I pray:
free me now from darkness. Cleanse me now from sin.
Pardon my transgressions. Make me pure within.
Amen.

**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.

✠ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✠ **HYMN** *O for a World* 372

BRIEF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Electing Dale Honermann to the unexpired term of Elder, Cheryl Stepp and Bud Landry as Deacons.

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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 you have joined us.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
January-2022		Through Week #9 (02/27/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 94,242	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	318
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 99,602	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	2,363
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 94,242	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	195
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 99,602	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	1,744
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	4,107
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	848
<p>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p><i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dx38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i></p>			

MUSIC IN THE VALLEY CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: 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. Sunday, March 6, at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the front office and are \$20.00 each.

HOLY SOLITUDE MONDAYS, AT 10:00AM STARTING MARCH 7TH.

Due to the Patio Sale the first class will be in the Sanctuary choir loft. We will be practicing the Lenten Disciplines of fasting and giving. When we meet for class, we will discuss our reading and our experiences of fasting and giving. The book can be purchased for \$12. from Pastor Diane.

41ST ANNUAL PATIO SALE MARCH 10TH, 11TH & 12TH:

Patio sale starts at 8:00am and ends at 2:00pm Thursday March 10th and Friday the 11th. Saturday March 13th, 8:00am to noon. Set up will be March 7th, 8th & 9th, Just come to the church and we will put you to work. Snack donations for the volunteers are greatly appreciated. You can drop them off at the kitchen or front office. The money raised goes to helping our different Missions.

LINES, CURVES AND COLORS, YOUR GUIDE LINDA FREEMAN:

Mondays beginning March 14th, 1:00pm—1:30pm. Classroom 5. This Lenten Class is for the visual in you. Using Music and the of Coloring.

SNACK BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS:

The Mission Committee will be sponsoring Snack Bags for the Homeless during Lent. We will be collecting 13 different items to fill each bag. Sunday the 13th will be our INTRODUCTION SUNDAY!

FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNER MARCH 20, 2022:

The Irish themed event will include a dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Then, the highlight will be a performance by Celtic Steps, an Irish Dance Group. Sophia St. John who helps with our youth Sunday School class is a part of the group. Tickets are (\$15) and will be available Sunday March 6th and 13th in Fellowship Hall.



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