



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 08, 2022

PRELUDE

I Was Glad

C.H.H. Parry

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

PASSING THE PEACE

RINGING THE BOWL

POURING OUT OF WATERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Piotrowski

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, we have been born anew into a living hope; we have been given an inheritance that will never pass away!

P: Blessing and glory and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* 299

CALL TO PRAYER

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know Jesus by many names. God’s presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from God; all that God does declares God’s love for us. Having heard these words, let us say our Prayer of Confession together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even in the darkest valley, though death’s shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. No one or nothing can snatch us out of the Lord’s hand. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✠ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

ANTHEM

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance upon you;
And give you peace,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you,
The Lord be gracious unto you.
Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER/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

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.
‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

SERMON

Silent Partners

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Because He Lives*

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know, he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives!

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Invocation on 'Holy, Holy, Holy'* Arr. A. Fedak

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

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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Flowers for the Sanctuary Provided by:

The Chulick Family, in honor of Maxine Hobbs.

The Roses on the Baptismal Font are in honor of: Stu Howerter, who passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, and Lorna Kitchak, who passed away on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Please remember those hospitalized or in rehabilitation:

Bonnie Wollin, Marlene Farver, Margaret Moore,
Joan Briggs.

How Martin Luther Changed History

Thursday, May 12 & 19 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom, by Bud Landry

In this Zoom course, we will explore the life and times of Martin

Luther and how he changed history and the course of Western Civilization. Join me at Bud Landry’s Personal Meeting Room <https://my-gcu-edu.zoom.us/j/5904813442> Passcode: Tucson.

The Sunday Fellowship team is looking for volunteers who can help set-up, serve, and clean-up in the months of May, June, and beyond. This invitation is open to both males and females.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday Fellowship.

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. Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children’s Time.

We are glad you have joined us today.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
April-2022		Through Week #18 (05/01/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 70,220	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	203
Monthly Giving Budget	70,443	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	5,005
*YTD Giving Support	287,434	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	122
*YTD Giving Budget	345,408	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	3,372
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	8,377
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	2,417
<p>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dx38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p>			

Monday, May 9

- 9:00 am Parkinson's Chair Exercises
- 9:00 am Faith Formation Committee Meeting
- 10:00 am Patio Sale Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

- 8:45 am Mission Committee Meeting
- 9:00 am Cardio Drumming
- 9:30 am Prayer Ministry
- 11:00 am Network of Caring Meeting
- 2:00 pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 11

- 9:00 am Deacon's Meeting
- 9:00 am Parkinson's Chair Exercises
- 10:00 am Chair Exercise with Mia Lee Cooper
- 1:00 pm Miriam Circle
- 1:30 pm Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 2:00 pm Bell Rehearsal
- 3:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12

- 8:00 am Patio Sale Sort
- 9:00 am Faith & Health Committee
- 4:00 pm How Martin Luther Changed History-Zoom

Friday, May 13

- 9:00 am Parkinson's Chair Exercises
- 9:00 am Stephen Ministry CE, Peer Group
- 9:00 am PEO Chapter DA

Saturday, May 14

8:00 am Presbytery de Cristo Presbyterian Women's Gathering
2:00 pm Marilyn Jameson Memorial



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