



August 1, 2021 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Jesus, Still Lead On* incorporating *Nimrod*
Drese/Elgar arr. Robert Lau

PREPARATION OF WORSHIP Pastor Craig

OUTPOURING OF THE WATER, PASSING THE PEACE, RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Diane

L: Those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength

P: They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

L: They shall run and not be weary,

P: They shall walk and not grow faint.

✦ **OPENING HYMN** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* 438

CALL TO PRAYER

The giver of life and health, Jesus Christ, called us to hunger and thirst for righteousness. May we pray that, with God's grace we may not grow weary in well-doing, in all our weakness we will be sustained by the true and living bread of Christ; and through the Holy Spirit we may be gifted wisdom, that our possessions not be a curse but a blessing for care of others.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD of mercy, You promised to never break Your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak Your eternal Word that does not change. We know that one does not live by bread alone, but by the Word that comes from the mouth of God. Feed us with the bread of life and the Word of His kingdom. We confess that we have sought answers to our questions, satisfaction of our hungers, cheap and easy grace. Where we have rebelled against Your love, where we have not loved our neighbors, where we have refused to hear the cry of the needy, may we be forgiven, redeemed and transformed to be like Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. (SILENT PRAYER) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My friends, listen to this good news: God is always present to us, even when we are not present to God. And the love of God never lets us go, even in the times when we are wounded beyond words and let go of God. You are forgiven! In the grace of God's love, let go of your regrets and embrace the goodness of God's love. Amen.

✠ **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

I Cannot Tell (Londonderry Air)

Traditional/Fullerton Arr. A.L. Christopherson

Callie Hutchinson, Violin

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
"at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King"

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

John 6:22-40

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw the miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

So they asked him, “What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

“Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.”

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

SERMON

DOING THE WORKS OF GOD

✦ **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.
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

The Strife is O'er incorporating *Water Music*

Palestrina/Handel arr. Robert Lau

✦ All those who are able, please stand

All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:
www.valleypres.net

Sanctuary Flowers provided by:

Monica Pataki in honor of Sophia St. John's Birthday

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation: Carolyn Joling, Jim Frisch and Carol Tahse-Roeming.

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 where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

We are glad you have joined us today.



Presbyterian Women
Thursday, August 5th at 1:00 p.m.

The Presbyterian Women's National Gathering will be having a virtual program and worship service on Thursday, August 5th at 1:00 pm our time. It is expected to last about two hours. A joint viewing of this event will be held in Classroom 5. If you are interested in attending please notify Liz Haynes or the church office. The rite of communion will be included in the worship service so please bring your own elements. Additional information can be found at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Community Food Bank Hunger Walk

It's back! Saturday, September 11th. To end hunger in our communities. You can walk as an individual, walk with the VPC people team, or make a donation. All can be done on the website:

<https://donate.communityfoodbank.org/team/366355>

