

August 8, 2021 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Arr. G. Laskey

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Diane

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Katie Sayre

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never
come to an end. They are new every morning, Great is Your
faithfulness, Oh Lord!

CALL TO PRAYER

The God who is always present invites us to open our hearts and be honest in our conversations as we come to this place of prayer.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess we have done little to advance your kingdom in this world. We have become bogged down with trivialities and lost sight of your vision of unity. We have allowed ourselves to be sidetracked with dissention instead of fostering unity among your people. Free us, we pray, from that which binds us. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ, who came to show us how to make your kingdom come. (Silent Confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Jesus Christ became for us righteousness, and holiness and redemption. And so I declare to you, 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: *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* Music: S. Liddle
Text: Psalm 84: 1-3, 10

Soloist: Marie Valade

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
Even Thine alters, even Thine alters,
O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

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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

I Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

SERMON Walking in the Footsteps of Paul: Part I

✦ **HYMN** *Here in This Place* 401
Gather Us In (verses 1, 2 and 4)

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *In Heaven's Eyes* P. McHugh

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

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.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✦ **HYMN** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* 839

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.
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:

Rondeau

J. Mouret, Arr. H. Hopson

☩ All those who are able, please stand

All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:

www.valleypres.net

Sanctuary Flowers provided by:

Liz Haynes in Memory of her Mother

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Carolyn Joling, Jim Frisch and George Boysen

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.

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>

Activities At Valley Presbyterian This Week

AUGUST 9	10:00 A.M.	Prayers in the Night Classroom 5 And by Zoom
AUGUST 10	9:30 A.M.	Prayer Ministry in the Sweet Family Room
AUGUST 10	9:30 A.M.	Fellowship Committee Classroom 5
AUGUST 10	2:00 P.M.	Joyful Spirit Ensemble Instrument Practice Sweet Family Room
AUGUST 11	9:00 A.M.	Deacon Meeting Classroom 5
AUGUST 12	8:00 A.M.	Patio Sale Sort Fellowship Hall
AUGUST 12	9:00 A.M.	Faith & Health Committee Classroom 3
AUGUST 12	1:00 P.M.	Personal Committee Zoom
AUGUST 13	10:00 A.M.	Stephen Ministry CE Class Zoom

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
July-2021		Through Week #31 (8/01/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 48,050	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	133
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 30,017	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	4108
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 396,523	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	152
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 402,818	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	4455
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	8563
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service			
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

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