



**12TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
August 28, 2022

**PRELUDE**

*Bless the Lord*  
Oboist: Pam Coggins

Redman/Weighell

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**POURING OUT OF WATERS**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**RINGING THE BOWL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Diane

Before we were formed in our mothers' wombs, God knew us all together. God breathed God's own spirit and breath into us, giving life and freedom of will. When the Word became flesh, God gave us second-birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first-fruits among God's creations.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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**Call To Prayer**

Jesus said: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us deep faith and love of the truth; nourish us with all goodness; bringing forth in us the fruit of good works. Help us to love what you command, to desire what you promise, that in the midst of this ever-changing world, our hearts may never again be deceived but fixed where true joys are found in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*(Silent prayer)* Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus said: If any wish to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me. Brothers and Sisters believe the good news, 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. M. Hayes

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 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.**

**CHORAL AMEN**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 2:10-13

Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and observe closely;  
see if there has ever been anything like this:  
Has a nation ever changed its gods?  
(Yet they are idols, not gods at all.)  
But my people have exchanged their glorious God  
for worthless idols.  
Be appalled at this, you heavens,  
and shudder with great horror,"  
declares the LORD.  
"My people have committed two sins:  
They have forsaken me,  
the spring of living water,

and have dug their own cisterns,  
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**“OUR COUNTER-CULTURAL GOD”**



**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

⌘ **HYMN** *God of the Sparrow* 22

⌘ **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** *Little Postlude in D Major* J. Stevens

⌘ **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:** Karen Brooks, in loving memory of her parents, Ruth and Gordon.

**ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT:** In Memory of Joan Briggs, and Wayne Brumm.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:**

Kay Brouwer, Dave Appleton, Christina Baxter

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. DR. LANCE BARKER** will be held on Saturday, September 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 4, 2022.** Bring your canned goods and other shelf-stable items on Sunday to help those with food deficiencies.

**THE BOOK: THE GRAND STORY OF GOD— SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

Pastor Diane and Chuck Ramsay take you through the grand story of the Bible, book by book. Every Thursday at 1 p.m. in Classroom 5.

**HUNGER WALK—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022.**

Please join us at the historic Canoa Ranch along with the VPC Hunger Walk Team. Registration forms are now available at VPC.

**BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, AT 1:00 P.M.**

We invite you to join Pastor Craig in a review of the Bible, Chapter by Chapter each week; in-person in Classroom 5 and on Zoom.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
July-2022		Through Week 34 (08/21/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 45,471	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	150
Monthly Giving Budget	43,253	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	7,494
*YTD Giving Support	442,590	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	135
*YTD Giving Budget	484,172	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	5,946
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	13,440
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	4,572
* YTD = Year to Date		** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service	
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959      2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

## MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

### Monday, August 29

9:00 AM Parkinson's Chair Exercises

### Tuesday, August 30

9:00 AM Cardio Drumming

9:30 AM Prayer Ministry

2:00 PM Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal

### Wednesday, August 31

9:00 AM Parkinson's Chair Exercises

10:00 AM Chair Exercises with Mia Lee Cooper

1:00 PM Children's Shoebox Meeting

4:00 PM Line Dancing

### Thursday, September 1

No Meetings Today

### Friday, September 2

9:00 AM Parkinson's Chair Exercises

**PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 5 in honor of LABOR DAY.**

**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 enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at [www.valleypres.net](http://www.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



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