



I Know That My Redeemer Lives

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 25, 2022

PRELUDE

River

Hillsong

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

POURING OUT OF WATERS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 146)

Pastor Craig

L: Never put your complete trust in princes or politicians, nor in anyone of earth's dust, for they cannot save you. No matter how important, they stop breathing like the rest of us, on that day their schemes perish and return to the earth.

P: Happy are those whose hope rests in the God of Christ Jesus. This is the One who makes and sustains heaven and earth, who keeps faith with us forever.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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CALL TO PRAYER

Before we speak, God knows our needs. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. Forgive us and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

P: We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! 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

River in Judea J. Feldman/Arr. J. Leavitt
Mike Finkelstein, Trumpet

Often times I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody know.
Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on, go on.

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on travelin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I'm weary and downhearted, long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings.

May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore.
'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more:

There is a river in Judea, hallelujah!

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

Luke 16: 19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

“No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“BELIEVE IT AGAIN”

✠ **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** *There Is a Redeemer* 443

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Adagio in g minor* T.G. Albinoni/Arr. E. Egorov
Mike Finkelstein, Trumpet

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

*** If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in front of you and place it in the offertory. Our Pastors and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your request. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well.*

⌄ **DOXOLOGY**

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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 THANKSGIVING

⌄ **HYMN**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

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⌄ **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**

Down to the River to Pray

Arr. M. Hayes

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

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Bob & Mary Lillie,
celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:
Kathy Fogarty, Karen Holthofer, Christina Baxter

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

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

THE BOOK: THE GRAND STORY OF GOD, THURSDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. in classroom 5. We cover the book of Numbers. This class is recorded and available on the VPC website.

VPC CHILI COOK-OFF – Sunday, October 9 Starting this Sunday, tickets are available for our chili cook-off. Five chefs from our congregation will make their specialty chili as will the local fire fighters, who will also bring one of their vehicles and offer demonstrations. So we have an idea how much food to make, please pick up your free tickets over the next two Sundays.

FALL PREVENTION, FLU SHOTS, AND RESOURCE FAIR—Join us on September 30th, from 9:00 – 11:30am at Valley Presbyterian Church to visit with first responders, healthcare professionals, exercise specialists, and community-based organizations to learn about resources and information to help you stay vertical and prevent falls. Snacks and beverages are provided. Sign up after the Worship Service to schedule your flu shot and to participate.

CREATING INSPIRATIONAL CARDS FOR YOUTH ON THEIR OWN (YOTO): Plan to join us this Wednesday, September 28 at from 1 – 3:30 in Classroom 5. We will have stickers, stamps, colorful tape, markers galore, and many inspirational sayings “at the ready” to help us create fun cards for students of YOTO. These cards are included with their monthly stipend checks and express a caring thought for each individual student. Hope to see you there! (Mary Horn, Mission Committee liaison to YOTO).

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
August-2022		Through Week 38 (09/18/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 43,534	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	182
Monthly Giving Budget	37,602	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	8,160
*YTD Giving Support	486,124	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	153
*YTD Giving Budget	521,774	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	6,363
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	14,523
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	5,170
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p>			

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 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.



Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 4

3 p.m. under the solar panels

God blesses us through our furry (or not-so-furry) companions for they teach us about unconditional love and bring us joy. You and your pets are invited for a special hands-on blessing by Pastor Craig and Pastor Diane.

Please make sure your animals are on a leash or in a carrier.



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