



October 10th, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: *Nearer, My God, to Thee/Near the Cross* Arr. G. Lanier
Pam Coggins, Oboe

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RINGING OF THE BOWL

CHORAL PROCESSIONAL

POURING OUT THE WATERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

Here we have gathered as God's people, inspired by the Spirit ... to witness more effectively, to listen more deeply, to speak more truthfully, to live more peacefully, to love more energetically, to teach more eloquently, to pray more seriously, to worship more enthusiastically, to celebrate more joyfully, to sing more faithfully, to give more generously, to serve more compassionately. Let us worship God.

✦ **OPENING HYMN** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* 353

✦ **LITANY OF PRAISE**

Thanks and praise to you, Jesus Christ, King and Lord of all, given the name above every other name.

Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.

King of righteousness, King of peace, enthroned at the right hand of Majesty on high.

Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you

Great high priest, living forever to intercede for us;

Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.

Pioneer of our salvation, you bring us to glory through your death and resurrection;

Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.

Every knee bows to you; every tongue confesses, you are King of kings and Lord of lords, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen!

ANTHEM *Total Praise* R. Smallwood/Setting by J. Raney

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
knowing my help is coming from you.
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength,
you are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to you.

Holy, holy, holy. Lord God almighty.
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.
God, in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Amen

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 READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

SERMON

Finding Grace

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Friends, our high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all our weaknesses, and can sympathize, because he was tested in every way we are, only without sinning. So let's come boldly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most.

P: (sung response, 437) **You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**
 You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
 You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
 (silence)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love. The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. God will not forsake you or leave you. Turn to the Lord with confidence and put your faith in God's great mercy. By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole. Amen.

✦HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

A.J. Showalter/Arr. L. McKechnie

(with *Sonata in C Major* by Mozart)

✦ **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.

✦ **HYMN**

I Love to Tell the Story

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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

On Wings of Song

F. Mendelssohn

✦ All those who are able, please stand

All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:

www.valleypres.net

Sanctuary Flowers provided by: David Rude, in memory of his wife, Carol.

The Rose on the Baptismal Font is in memory of Suzanne (Poppaw) Bowers, who passed away Monday, October 4, 2021.

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation: Sally Ruschmeier, Roy Romstad, Kay Davison.

A Note from the Horton Family:

For all the prayers, well wishes, cards and lovely sanctuary flowers to let us know that our Church family is walking this journey right beside us, we are beyond grateful. Thank you for the love and the care. With lots of hard work and continued support Mark should be up and walking in the next few months. It is indeed good to be part of God's family at VPC. - Mark & Sue Horton

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.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
September-2021		Through Week #40 (10/3/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 51,767	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	188
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 32,413	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	5,493
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 501,820	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	165
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 474,857	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	5,654
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	11,147
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5,272
* 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			

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Mission Committee will meet on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. They are still looking for volunteers to serve.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The Prayer Ministry Group will meet on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

HISTORY OF MUSIC WITH WES MOULTON

This class on the history of music will start Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. No need to register.

MEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

This church-sponsored men's group meets on Wednesdays at 9:00am in the classroom 1. Please come and join the discussion.

BELLS PRACTICE

Bells practice is on Wednesdays, at 2:00pm—3:00pm in the Sweet Family Room.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice starts on Wednesdays, at 3:15pm in the Spiritual Life Center. Any questions please contact Jamie Reed at Jamie@valleypres.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

ORDAINED ELDERS AND DEACONS

We are in need of ordained Elders and Deacons who are willing to serve communion the first Sunday of each month. This will start in October. Please contact Lee Ann Calhoun at leampsky06@gmail.com. or (520) 203-8497.

GREETERS

Mike Yoder is looking for 6 people each week to greet at the doors as well as help with the collection. Please contact Mike Yoder at Y6899@icloud.com, or (520) 975-2391.

SUPPER CLUSTERS

It's time to sign up for Supper Clusters. Stop by the "Supper Cluster" table in Fellowship Hall today following worship to learn more about this program and to sign up. Sign-ups will continue through the first Sunday of December. Don't miss out. Contact Carmen Nylund at clnylund1968@outlook.com, or 520-269-7732 for more information.

FOR YOUR HEALTH:

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

VPC will be having a Flu Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, Oct. 14 from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room. Sign up for the vaccine via email with parishnurse@valleypres.net or call 520-625-5023 and leave a message.



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