



October 17th, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE:

Grazioso

A.B. Sherman

Valley Ringers

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

PASSING THE PEACE

RINGING OF THE BOWL

POURING OUT THE WATERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

God made heaven and earth and all that is good; and through Jesus Christ showed us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires and defenses. Help us to delight in simple things all around us.

CALL TO PRAYER

The Word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the human heart.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Spirit, whom we could not seek unless You first sought us, give us responsive hearts. We cannot lift ourselves to any paradise, ethical or moral excellence without Your inspiration. Who by searching can find You? Unless You come down the tiny stairway of our lives to the humble places we abide, we should miss You all together. Make our hearing attentive to the still small voice, by which You speak to us of things important. Help us to set our hearts on things above human desires. Lift us to dream of nobler things for this world, international trust, work dedicated to the service of humanity rather than the accumulation of mammon. Speak to us through our loyalties. Where we have been less than faithful, forgive us. Speak to us through our sense of gratitude. Baptize us with the spirit of our founder, touch us again with the contagion of his loveliness, send forth women and men into statesmanship to do there what Christ would have done, sending us into industry and family to be what Christ would have been, that the whole world might be redeemed to peace. In the vastness of eternity, let no one of us be lost. Allow each one to hear and to know, that we matter. Dedicate our energies, control our desires, and live with one another, matters to Your kingdom. This we pray through Christ our Lord. *(Silent prayer)* Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Just as the first Adam was formed as a caretaker of the cosmos, a companion of God; so also the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, giving his life as ransom for others. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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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 *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)* arr. Sorenson

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul:
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing;

The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forever more!

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 READINGS

Job 41: 7-17

After the LORD had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job's prayer.

After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and

consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring.

The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, an old man and full of years.

Luke 15: 14-24

After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men." So he got up and went to his father.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.

SERMON “SEEKING BALANCE IN GOD’S WORLD”

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *NICENE CREED* 34

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and

the Son he is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

✦ **HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth* 14

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *It Is Well With My Soul* P.P Bliss/arr. M.L.
Valley Ringers Thompson

✦ **DOXOLOGY** 606

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 DEDICATION**

✦ **HYMN** *God of Our Life* 686

✦ **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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Kocher/Arr. A. Whitworth

✦ All those who are able, please stand

All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:

www.valleypres.net

Sanctuary Flowers provided by: Fred and Carol Roeming
Celebrating their 8th Anniversary.

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

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 #41 (10/10/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 51,888	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	187
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 32,413	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	5,680
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 501,941	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	145
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 474,857	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	5,799
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	11,479
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5,374
* 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			

VPC MISSION QUILTERS & INTERESTED PERSONS

Quilting will meet in the fellowship Hall, Monday, the 18th
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. anyone interested or have questions call
Patti Bright, 520-305-3275

MEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

HISTORY OF CHURCH MUSIC CLASS

Tuesdays at 10:00AM in the Spiritual Life Center, there will be a
six-week course exploring the history of church music in the
Western Christian Church. We will discuss the roots of our musical
worship, why we do what we do on Sunday mornings, and much
more. Please join us. This course will be taught by Wes Moulton.

WOMENS MINISTRY-PATIO SALE STYLE SHOW IS BACK!

At the October Women's Ministries Gathering Lunch on October 19th we will be showcasing (and selling) great clothes that have been donated to the patio sale. This is always a fun even so be sure to get your reservation at the Women's Ministries table before and after Sunday worship on October 10th and October 17th for \$11.00.

SUPPER CLUSTER

If you are looking to meet people? Make new friends and have a good time while enjoying great food? Sign up for Supper Cluster. Contact organizer, Carmen Nylund at clnylund1968@outlook.com or 520-269-7732.

JOYFUL SPIRIT ENSEMBLE HAS OPENINGS

We are an ensemble of melodic percussion instruments, no instrument music experience necessary! Rehearsals are Tuesday at 2:00pm in the Sweet Family Room. Contact Joan Dakin 520-576-2588 or email jbelldakin@yahoo.com.

GOSPEL HYMN SING!

October 31st, 4:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center

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