



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 27, 2022

**PRELUDE**

*Pachelbel's Canon/Lord be Glorified*

Pachelbel/Kilpatrick

Joyful Spirit Ensemble

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Pastor Craig

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**RINGING THE BOWL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Diane

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our doing; it is a gift of God. Return to the LORD your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* 394

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness or stumble, but will have the light of life.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, such that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Gift us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness keep us from doing it. God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of grace, welcoming sinners who return to you, prompting penitent hearts. Receive into your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that with all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungering heart. We ask all this in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

(Silent Prayer) Amen

**POURING OUT THE WATERS/ ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**KYRIE**

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Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Amen, Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*Father, Forgive Us*

C. Courtney

Father, forgive us each time we close our eyes to a bruised and wounded world,  
The shattered, broken lives, empty ones who die alone forsaken in their shame.  
Every time we turn away we crucify again.  
Father, forgive us each time that we disown mothers who have lost their sons,  
The children with no home, thousands crying out in thirst, the prisoners in pain.  
Every time we turn away we crucify again.  
Father, forgive us, our hearts remain unmoved by suffering and poverty,  
We know not what we do. When we fail to hear the voice of Christ in every cry,  
When we do not recognize the Savior in their eyes, we crucify again.  
Father, forgive us.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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.**

(CHORAL RESPONSE)

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this parable:

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 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 servants 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 servants.’ 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.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

““My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

**SERMON**

“OFFENSIVE GRACE?”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle’s Creed

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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**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Oh, Lord I Long to See You*

Trad. Shenandoah/

Vocalist, Linda Freeman

arr. J. Dakin

Joyful Spirit Ensemble

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

✠ **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 DEDICATION**

⌘ **HYMN**

*Were You There*

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⌘ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

⌘ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *No End There Is!*

No end there is!  
We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
In every room in our father's house  
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

⌘ **POSTLUDE**

*The Road to the Cross*

L. Smith

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

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**All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:**

[www.valleypres.net](http://www.valleypres.net)

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY ARE PROVIDED BY:** Larry Craft, in memory of his wife, Patricia.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:**  
Gail Barker, Lance Barker, Ron Bell, Carol Stephens, Judy Stevenson.

**THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT** is in honor of Joan Richards, who passed away March 19, 2022.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
February-2022		Through Week #12 (3/20/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	68702	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	307
Monthly Giving Budget	85878	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	3,296
*YTD Giving Support	162944	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	261
*YTD Giving Budget	185481	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	2,360
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	5,656
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	1,251
* 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			

**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, if you would like more information about our church, visit us at [valleypres.net](http://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.

### **UKRAINIAN REFUGEE RELIEF**

Those wishing to make an additional offering to support Ukrainian Refugee Relief can simply write that in the memo line of checks made out to the church, or with a notation on your giving envelope.

### **LENTEN TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE, THURSDAYS AT 5:00 PM.**

Spend time in meditation and song during the Lenten Taizé service, at 5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center.

### **SNACK BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS:**

The Mission Committee will be sponsoring Snack Bags for the Homeless during Lent. We will be collecting 13 different items to fill each bag. Check out the flyer located on the Welcome Centers and visit us after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

### **MUSIC IN THE VALLEY CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS:**

Sunday April 3rd at 3:00 P.M. The Tucson Boys Chorus. Director Dr. Julian Ackerley, Accompanist Elena Miraztchiyska and the Boys Chorus consist of Five Groups of singers in first grade through college. Tickets are \$20.00.

**VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LANDSCAPING WORK DAY**

Saturday, April 2nd, starting at 8:00 a.m. We invite you to join us as we weed, trim, and beautify the area around the church. Bring your gloves, hand tools, saws and chainsaws. We appreciate your help!

**UPCOMING:**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary, with traditional communion.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.** Good Friday Organ Recital

**April 15 – 16, 7:00 p.m.** 24 hr. Easter Watch Prayer Vigil – Good Friday – Holy Saturday.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 a.m.** Easter Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.** Easter Worship Service 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with traditional communion.

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