



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 20, 2022

PRELUDE

Peaceful Reverie
Valley Ringers

K. Lange

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

PASSING THE PEACE

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

Leader: God is waiting for us

People: With a tender heart and a searching question.

Leader: God is ready for us

People: With truth and wisdom from a deep well.

Leader: God is blessing us

People: With springs of living water.

Leader: God is sending us

People: To sing, pray and witness every day.

Leader: God is here.

People: Let the conversation begin.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* 624

CALL TO PRAYER

Blessed be the One who fashions us, the One who heals us, the One who reforms us again and again. Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Jesus said," Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

P: Forgiving God, it seems you ask the impossible. We'd prefer to exclude our enemies from our lives and your grace, to keep them locked up in our imagination as monsters. But really, then, who's the imprisoned one? Free us from our hostile heart through the sacrifice of Jesus, assure us that we're accepted as your beloved, and embolden us to forgive others from the heart. (Silent prayers)

L: Amen

POURING OUT THE WATERS / ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For nothing is impossible with God. Christ showed us the glory in being last of all and servant of all. Through his sacrificial love, we are made new. Friends, hear, believe, and live 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

Give to the Winds Your Fears

J.M. Martin/
Arr. J. Reed

Give to the winds your fears. In hope, be undismayed.
God hears your sighs, and counts your tears.
God shall lift up your head.
To Him, commit your griefs. You ways put in His hands;
To His sure truth and tender care,
Who earth and heaven commands.
Give to the winds your fears.

O put your trust in God. In duty's path, go on.
Walk in His strength with faith and hope;
So shall your work be done.
Leave to His sovereign sway to choose and to command;
So you shall, faithful, seek His way,
How wise and strong His hand!
Give to the winds your fears.
Let not your heart be troubled.
Give to the winds your fears.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John Dunham, HR

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

Luke 6:27-38

“But to you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

SERMON

“Unreasonable Love”

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

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**

Will You Come and Follow Me

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Do Lord
Valley Ringers

Trad. Spiritual/
Arr. V. W. Stephenson

**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**

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do;
Where He sends, we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

✠ **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**

Grace Medley

D. Towner, Traditional/

Arr. R. Schram

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

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:

www.valleypres.net

Flowers for the Sanctuary are provided by: John & Ruth Dunham

“In gratitude to God and for the love and caring friendships that we have known in the wonderful 22+ years that we have been living and serving in this congregation.”

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation:

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
January-2022		Through Week #7 (2/13/2022)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 94,242	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	297
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 99,602	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	1,738
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 94,242	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	158
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 99,602	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	1,369
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	3,107
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	618
<i>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</i>			
<i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			

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 where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

We are glad you have joined us today.

TODAY OUR VPC FOUNDATION Hosts a Giving Forum and Luncheon on Tax-Saving Recommendations to maximize your legacy.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF program, facilitated by Carolyn Eubanks Hill starts Monday, February 21st at 2:30 p.m. This unique program is eight 1-1/2 hour sessions and is free of charge, including class materials. Please contact Pastor Diane to register at (520) 625-5023.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Monday, February 21st at 4:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

YOTO Card Making—Looking for creative people to join our Inspiration Card Making for Youth on Their Own, Wednesday, February 23rd from 1:00-3:30pm in Classroom 5. All are welcome.

“GOD GREW TIRED OF US” SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 3:00 P.M. Pastor Lindsey will host a free-showing of the National Geographic film about The Lost-boys of South Sudan, titled “God Grew Tired of Us”. This award winning 90-minute film deals with questions of what it means to be family, what it means to be American, what is life for refugees? Pastor Craig had personal involvement with this story, as one of the refugees in this film was among the persons he sponsored and later married and was ordained as a Presbyterian Elder.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will be held at the Church March 1st at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$ 5.00 and will be available for purchase after Worship February 20 and 27.

NAME BADGES are available to order in the church office at no charge. If you are new and would like to have a name badge or have lost your name badge, we would love to order them for you. Please contact the church at 520-625-5023, or VPC-office@valleypres.net.

TRUE CONCORD VOICE AND ORCHESTRA will be performing on Friday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the VPC Sanctuary. Tickets are available in the church office for \$25 for general admission, and \$40 for premium seating. They will be performing Vivaldi Four Seasons and Runestad’s Earth Symphony.

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. We will offer ashes in two ways: Drive by the fountain and receive ashes while in your car (10a.m. – 2p.m.), or in a worship service at 5p.m.



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