

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:**  
 Lois Macfarlane  
**Flowers given by:** Karen & George Curtis  
**“For the Glory of the Lord”**

**Elders and Deacons Needed** to help serve communion! We need to get an updated list of those who are Elders and Deacons in the church who would be willing to serve communion during the year, on the first Sunday of each month. I try not to use anyone every month, but lately, that has been happening. Most don't mind, but it is nice to let all who want to serve, to be able to do so. Please email me, or call me, at [leeann.c@cox.net](mailto:leeann.c@cox.net) or 520-203-8497 to be put on the list. Thank you. Lee Ann Calhoun

**Photo Directory:** Please make your appointment for a photo session TODAY! Our photographers will be here for the next few weeks and appointment times are filling-up. Just go to the church's website and click on the picture with people's faces to connect to the Lifetouch system. Or, call Lifetouch directly at 1-866-756-0281. Or, the Directory will be open following worship services on Sunday. We can't wait to see you!

**VISIT YOUTH ON THEIR OWN CANCELLED!** The tour of YOTO on Monday, March 23 and YOTO CARD MAKING at church on Wednesday, March 25 are cancelled.

**Check out our weekly classes**  
**Sundays: Forming Your Faith**  
 8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5

**The Way: 3 Classes Offered Each Week**  
**(La Posada Cancelled)**  
 Check the Valley Voice for dates and times.

**Lenten Taizé:**  
 This Wednesday, 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATIONS!**

**Lockdown**

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying.  
 Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death.  
 But,---  
 They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise  
 You can hear the birds again.  
 They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes  
 But blue and grey and clear.  
 They say that in the streets of Assisi  
 People are singing to each other across the empty squares,  
 keeping their windows open so that those who are alone  
 may hear the sounds of family around them.  
 They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland  
 Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.  
 Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her  
 number through the neighbourhood  
 So that the elders may have someone to call on.  
 Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples  
 are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless,  
 the sick, the weary  
 All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting  
 All over the world people are looking at their neighbours  
 in a new way  
 All over the world people are waking up to a new reality  
 To how big we really are. To how little control we really have.  
 To what really matters. To Love.  
 So we pray and we remember that Yes there is fear.  
 But there does not have to be hate.  
 Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be loneliness.  
 Yes there is panic buying. But there does not have to be meanness.  
 Yes there is sickness. But there does not have to be disease of the soul  
 Yes there is even death. But there can always be a rebirth of love.  
 Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.  
 Today, breathe. Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic  
 The birds are singing again  
 The sky is clearing, Spring is coming,  
 And we are always encompassed by Love.  
 Open the windows of your soul And though you may not be able  
 to touch across the empty square, Sing.  
 Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM

Valley Presbyterian Church  
 Oasis of Grace



**To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.**

March 22, 2020

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**  
 Gracious God, on this Lenten journey, meet us in our fears and joys alike and sustain us in our weakness. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that these 40 days might become for us a journey that renews our hope, strengthens our faith and prepares us for the agony of the cross as well as the new life of resurrection. Amen.

**9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** Pastor Craig  
*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY** Bob Campbell

**POURING OF THE WATER**  
 L: Jesus is the Living Water. P: Praise be to God.

**PRELUDE** *How Great Thou Art* Hine  
 Flute: Jamie Reed

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
 L.: For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
**P.: May Christ give us the light that we may awaken to his truth.**  
 L.: Walk as children of light as you pursue what is good, right and true.  
**P.: May Christ give us the light that we may awaken to his truth.**  
 L.: Take part in works of light and learn what is pleasing to God.  
**P.: May Christ give us the light that we may awaken to his truth.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, source of all the good that we can ever know, forgive us. We are ashamed to discover in ourselves the seeds of meanness, envy, hatred and prejudice. Prepare us for the healing that you offer our troubled spirits. Grant that we may also find the seeds of kindness, love, fellowship and peace within ourselves. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has come among us, opening the eyes of the blind, bringing light to those who have walked in darkness. The miracle of Christ's transforming presence is offered to you this day. Receive the gift and walk in the light. Amen.

### ✦GLORIA *Gloria Patri* Greatorex

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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

### CHILDRENS MOMENT

#### SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-41

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.* People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Recognizing the Work of God* Pastor Diane

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles Creed* 35

✦HYMN *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (vs. 1-3) 314

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Soloist: Jeff McCune

✦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 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vs. 1-4) 687

### ✦BENEDICTION

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

## Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Recognizing the Work of God

### Scripture: John 9:1-41

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup>"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup>After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup>"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>8</sup>His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

<sup>10</sup>"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

<sup>11</sup>He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

<sup>12</sup>"Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup>Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

<sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. <sup>17</sup>Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. <sup>19</sup>"Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

<sup>20</sup>"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>That was why his parents said, "He

is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

<sup>25</sup>He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

<sup>26</sup>Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

<sup>27</sup>He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

<sup>28</sup>Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! <sup>29</sup>We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

<sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. <sup>32</sup>Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

<sup>34</sup>To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

<sup>36</sup>"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

<sup>40</sup>Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

<sup>41</sup>Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

VPC Financial / Attendance Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance	
February-2020		Through Week # 11	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 56,327	2020 Attendance	239
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 80,649	2019 Attendance	472
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 130,165	*YTD 2020 Attendance	5272
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 156,713	*YTD 2019 Attendance	4990

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