

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

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.

Children: Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service. Children who remain in the service can obtain an activity bag in the sanctuary.

Prayer Ministry: The Prayer Ministry group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends and the needs of the world. We are looking for a few more prayer warriors to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

The History of Christianity: From the Disciples: Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 5. The Inquisitors explores and attempts to understand "The History of Christianity from the Disciples through the Dawn of The Reformation," with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. The course will address what are usually regarded as the more "religious" aspects of Christianity: its experiences and convictions, its beliefs and practices, its mode of worship and its manner of life. For more information, contact Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

Women's Ministries: May 21 will be the last meeting until September. Our lunch is a salad potluck. The hostesses are the Coordinating Team. Get your recipes ready! It is also staff appreciation, so think about how much our staff does for us.

Faithfully Flavored Cook Books: We have used the recipes from our cookbook for the Women's Ministry luncheons and they have all been wonderful. If you haven't gotten yours yet, we still have some available. They are at the Women's Table after worship. They are \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00 and they make a wonderful gift. Make sure you get yours, too.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship is in need of cookies. We would appreciate your help so we can continue to offer treats while you gather after the service. Thank you in advance.

Valley Readers: The Valley Readers group will not meet in May. We will convene again on June 24 for a discussion of *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*. The discussion will be led by Pastor Diane.

Montlure Traveling Day Camp for kids is June 24 through 28. There are many opportunities to help. You can sponsor a child to attend camp for any amount (it costs \$75 to send a child to camp). You can help at camp. You can host the camp counselors for dinner. Sign-ups are at our table in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship
Jim & Candy Nelson
Barbara Dittmer
Information Center
Kay & Mike Brouwer

Medical Team
Doug Clark
Visitor's Table
Dave & Cheryl Stepp
Welcome Centers
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:
Judy Christensen, Tom Marshall, Ralph Tanner

Flowers given by: Judy Aguayo
In memory of Denita Castillo

Next Sunday, we say goodbye to Rev. Larry DeLong's family, Valerie and Seth. Valerie will be moving to San Antonio, and Seth will be attending Grand Canyon University. During the service, Valerie and Diane will give the sermon together, and Seth will receive a college scholarship from the Larry DeLong Scholarship Fund. A reception will follow the worship service.

The Valley Galley will be open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. selling coffee, tea and iced drinks along with a breakfast goodie. Come by and have coffee.

We welcome Wes Moulton as our new Interim Organist/Accompanist! Wes grew up in Texas, and most recently was the Organist/Choirmaster for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Sierra Vista. Shortly after beginning the study of piano, he expanded to include playing the organ with an emphasis placed on congregational and choral accompaniment. He has deep roots in sacred music and the worship experience. Wes is eager to be part of Valley's dynamic music ministry. Welcome Wes!

Our guest choir director today is Todd Wachsmann who directed the choir last summer. He will be with us for the remainder of May. Todd is also a recipient of the Music in the Valley scholarship for 2019. Welcome back Todd!



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REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*
WES MOULTON, *Interim Organist/Accompanist*
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*



HANDCRAFTED
CHRISTIANS

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

✦ All those who are able, please stand May 12, 2019

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord Jesus, you come into our midst in the most mundane of circumstances. So, how much more do you reveal your presence and call on our lives when we make ourselves available to your direction during this hour? Bless us who have gathered here this morning. Let us again hear your words of comfort, acceptance and call. Amen.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Valley Galley Lois Macfarlane

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRELUDE "Contemplation" J. Moffatt

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face; surely the presence,
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Jim Nelson

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst!

People: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and our strength.

People: We place ourselves before our God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's Spirit.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Searcher of hearts, you see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. Forever you call our names. But we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we have timidly spoken of your great love; we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (Silent confessions)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

ANTHEM *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* Lloyd Larson

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power as we seek the Living Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and God's great blessing will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for others 'till our God makes all things new.
When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we sit down;
There our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around.

O worship the King, all glorious above;
And gratefully sing God's wonderful love.
Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord, our God.

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.

Please join the Choir in singing



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:36-42

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

SERMON Handcrafted Christians

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

◆HYMN *The Summons* (v. 1 & 5) 2130

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* p. 14

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Priere' from "Suite Gothique"* L. Boellmann

◆DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592
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 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* 364

◆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 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 breath 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 *"Sarabande"* G. Young

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Handcrafted Christians

Scripture: Acts 9:36-42

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Week #18 (thru 5/05/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$19,732	2019 Attendance	231
Weekly Giving Budget	\$10,807	2018 Attendance	256
*YTD Giving Income	\$309,405	*YTD 2019 Attendance	7,689
*YTD Giving Budget	\$344,983	*YTD 2018 Attendance	8,172
<small>*YTD: Year-to-Date</small>			
<small>2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member</small>			