

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 and bring a salad for 6 people. Dessert and rolls will be provided. Tickets are on sale for \$5 after the worship service. 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. Contact Kathy Rusk at 625-0860 for more information. 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).

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship
Dave & Cheryl Stepp
Barbara Dittmer
Information Center
Gayle Tompkins
Medical Team
Marvin Clark

Visitor's Table
Patti Bright
Welcome Centers
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad
La Posada Service of Worship
Gee-Gee Smith, Freda Krauss,
Parker Long

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Dorothy Foucher

Flowers given by: Gee-Gee Smith
In honor of Ted's Birthday

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ



Tom Marshall

May 11



Today we say goodbye to Rev. Larry DeLong's family, Valerie, Seth and Sadie. Valerie will be moving to San Antonio, and Seth will be attending Grand Canyon University this fall and Sadie is in Job Corps in San Marcos, Texas. 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 in Fellowship Hall and there will be a table for cards.

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 join us for a treat and conversation.

Our guest choir director today is Todd Wachsmen 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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WES MOULTON, *Interim Organist/Accompanist*
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*



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

♦ All those who are able, please stand May 19, 2019

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRELUDE "Divinum Mysterium" arr. H. Willan

INTROIT *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

**Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future
years shall see, Evermore and evermore.**

♦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 16:5-11) Rev. Christopher

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.
**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Let us worship the God of the journey of life and faith.

◆HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the journey, your invitation is to all to walk with you without fear of stumbling. Your arm is strong to steady the feeblest soul. Your grace always present to rescue us should we fall. Grant us faith enough to take you at your word. To know that when our hearts are heavy and the destination seems so distant that you are there with us along the road. Forgive us those times when we doubt your Word when we awake and feel alone. Draw us ever closer into your family that we might know your presence and sing your praises all the days of our lives. Hear us now, O God, as we bring our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to Thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's Fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth and his the heavens above.

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 the Great Amen.



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Valerie St. John

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 21:1-6

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

SERMON

"It's This New Thing We Are Doing!"
Rev. Christopher & Rev. Valerie St. John

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

◆HYMN

Grace Alone

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AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP

Seth St. John
Deacon Jim Nelson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

"Con Moto Moderato"

H. Smart

◆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

We Are Called

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◆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 Chorale Prelude: *"Es Ist Gewisslich and der Zeit"* J. Pachelbel

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: It's This New Thing We Are Doing

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

21 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week #19 (through May 12, 2019)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$6,426	2019 Attendance	226
Weekly Giving Budget	\$11,187	2018 Attendance	265
*YTD Giving Income	\$315,831	*YTD 2019 Attendance	7,915
*YTD Giving Budget	\$356,170	*YTD 2018 Attendance	8,437
<small>*YTD: Year-to-Date</small>			
<small>2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member</small>			