

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.

A Congregational Meeting is called for after worship today for the purpose of 1) Nominating and electing one (1) Ruling Elder and one (1) Deacon to fill unexpired terms, and 2) To act on the change of Terms of Call for Rev. Diane Christopher.

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: will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

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. All donations will go to them.

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.

Executive Secretary: After six years of serving as the Executive Secretary For Valley Presbyterian Church, Gay Larson has announced her retirement. She and her husband, Kirby, feel it is time to take their motorhome and start traveling. It is, of course, with regrets that we receive that information, but it is with joy in our hearts that we wish them both a happy retirement. VPC will be looking for an Executive Secretary. If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be interested, please contact Tommy Calhoun, Chair of the Personnel Committee at thomas7487@cox.net.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Roxy Blair, Jeannie Cameron
Barbara Dittmer

Information Center

Gayle Tompkins

Medical Team

Doug Clark

Visitor's Table

Mike & Kay Brouwer

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Barb Streng

Freda Krauss, Parker Long

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Gloria James, Helen Phillips, Sally Ruschmeier

Flowers given by: Jane Selbie

In memory of Don Selbie

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 Jeremy Meeker-Hackett. Jeremy is a student at the University of Arizona. You may recognize him as one of our Music Scholarship recipients for 2019.

VPC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Week #17 (thru 4/28/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$8,510	2019 Attendance	348
Weekly Giving Budget	\$14,691	2018 Attendance	348
*YTD Giving Income	\$289,673	*YTD 2019 Attendance	7,458
*YTD Giving Budget	\$334,176	*YTD 2018 Attendance	7,916

*YTD: Year-to-Date
2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member



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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



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

♦All those who are able, please stand May 5, 2019

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. You call us to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Montlure Day Camp Kellie von Borstel

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

Jesus is the Living Water. **Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE "Chorale Prelude: 'Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier'" J.S. Bach
(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here).

INTROIT *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

♦**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Come here, sisters and brothers!

To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

Let us worship God.

✦HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Madrid 150

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Rev. John Dunham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger,
the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need.**

**Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories
that we forget the truth of the Easter story.**

**Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act,
quick to speak and slow to listen,
quick to fear and slow to care.**

**Break into our lives, God of surprises, and grant us the faith
to recognize you.**

**Hear us now, O God, as we bring our silent prayers of
confession to you.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin
again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of
the gospel.*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *The Strife Is O'er* Victory

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia.**

ANTHEM *A Communion Contemplation* Douglas Nolan
Betty Clapp - flute

Bread of Life you feed us from the finest wheat.
Grain of heaven's harvest crushed at Calvary.
Now we thank you, Lord, for meeting every need.
Living in your promise we are made complete.

Fruit of Life you fill us with your grace divine.
Grapes from heaven's garden crushed to make the wine.
Now we thank you, Lord, for meeting every need.
Living in your promise we are made complete.

Lord of Life now lead us through this world below.
Walking in communion, serving as we go.
Now we praise you, Lord, for meeting every need.
Living in your promise, we are made complete.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Elder Katie Sayre

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 9:1-6

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

GOSPEL LESSON John 21:1-19

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

SERMON *"Catching a Glimpse of the Risen Lord"* Rev. Medina

✦HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* Duke Street 423

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* arr. Dale Wood

✦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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

SINGING THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

*Worshippers are invited to take the elements as each are passed and
then hold until all can take together.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✦HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Ratisbon 462

✦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 *"O Filie et Filiae"* arr. H. Willan

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: *"Catching a Glimpse of the Risen Lord"*

Scriptures:

Acts 9:1-6

¹Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

John 21:1-19

¹Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"