

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 just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

Reception for Rev. Dr. Lloyd: Mark down October 14 on your calendars! We will be having a reception for Rev. Dr. Linda Lloyd. Please bring your favorite finger foods to share. VPC will provide cupcakes. Rev. Dr. Linda's last Sunday will be October 21st.

Rev. Mark Medina will be holding office hours on Wednesday, October 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Posada Java, 665 S. Park Centre Ave., at La Posada.

Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. This fall our continuing education classes will be open to any congregational member who might like to learn more about what is distinctively Christian caring. We will be looking at different aspects through the book, *Christian Caregiving: a Way of Life* by Ken Haugk. The 2nd Friday of the month will be devoted to this with a variety of speakers. The book will be available for purchase (\$14.95) but you may participate without it. Join us in the Spiritual Life Center at 9 a.m. this Friday, October 12, in order to get a taste of Stephen Ministry and develop further the caregiving skills you are already using!

Music in the Valley: Season tickets and individual tickets for Music in the Valley performances are available in Fellowship Hall after the service this morning. The first concert is on October 26 at 6:00 p.m. and will feature pianists Joel Pierce and Russell Ronnebaum.

RISE Scholastic Achievement, Inc.: "Come and See" how RISE is making a difference in the educational lives of abused/abandoned children in Nogales, Mexico, by taking a trip on Saturday, October 13. To sign up, see Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall after service today. To secure your seats faster, contact him directly at olsonr1@cox.net, or 269-7829.

Faith Formation Adult Studies:

- ⇒ **Adult Sunday School Class:** Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5. Discusses the Sunday morning scripture passage.
- ⇒ **Adult Confirmation Class:** Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Tomorrow's topic: Is God male?
- ⇒ **Moses:** Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.
- ⇒ **The History of the Bible:** The class continues on Friday, October 12 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. For more information, contact Grant Stitt at 520-396-3549.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Cheryl & Dave Stepp
Terry Murrell, Fran Williams

Information Center

Kathie Rusk

Medical Team

Doug Clark

Visitors Table

Mike & Kay Brouwer

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Diane Christopher,
Parker Long

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Tommy Calhoun

Flowers given by: Billie Youngblut

Always remembered and loved, my husband Stanley Youngblut

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



Greta Lou (Geege) Whitehead September 28



Conflict Resolution Class continues on Monday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Please join the Peace and Justice Committee in this effort.

Supper Clusters It's time to begin our Supper Cluster sign-up for 2019. Stop by our table in Fellowship Hall after worship to find out more about the Supper Cluster program, sign-up, or drop off your already completed form. Sign-ups will continue through November 25. You won't want to miss out.

Exploring Membership Class begins Tuesday, October 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. For more information and to register, contact Pastor Diane (625-5023).

The Flu Clinic will be held at VPC on Thursday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please sign up for the Flu Clinic with the Parish Nurse via email at parishnurse@valleypres.net or in the church office.

Correction: There will be fundraiser for Valley Assistance Services on Friday, October 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Tubac Jacks. The article in the October Valley Voice incorrectly stated Oct 29 as the date.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Church



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REV. DR. LINDA LLOYD, *Interim Pastor of Care*

REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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

☩ All those who are able, please stand October 7, 2018

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Based on John 6

God who is One, You call us to be one,
May we be one with all who are made in Your image.
God who is Three, You call us to be community,
May we find community with all who are called by Your name.
God who calls us all by Your name,
May we find our place in Your eternal family. 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 MINISTRY Stephen Ministry Gayle Tompkins

POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water. P: Praise be to God.

PRELUDE

On Eagles' Wings arr. Mark Hayes
Pam Coggins - oboe

INTROIT

Make Us One

**Make us one, Lord, Make us one.
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow
so the world will know we are one in you.**

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Offerings

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly
to be fed.**

**Let us worship together, let us share
God's bounty.**

✦HYMN *I Come with Joy* Dove of Peace 507

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Elder Richard Horn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Hear us now, O God, as we approach you on this day of worship and communion.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.
**And even when our hearts feel barren,
God's love overflows.**

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Help Us Forgive, Forgiving Lord*

Help us forgive, forgiving Lord the wrong that others do.

And when our hearts are pierced by pain, to bring the hurt to you.

**And when, the broken circle closed, the broken friendships healed,
Lord, hold us fast within the bonds by your forgiveness sealed.**

ANTHEM *We Are Many Parts*
Sanctuary Choir

We are many parts, we are all one body,
and the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the spirit of love make us one indeed.
One, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair,
one, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you. We would be your servants true.
Let us be your love to all the world.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Elder Charlie Ashton

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

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

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:1-15, 35

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

SERMON "One Table Welcomes All" Rev. Medina
Elder Eloise Fredrickson

✦HYMN *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* O Quanta Qualia 516

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS Deacon Sue Horton
**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Westendorf/Kreutz
Diane Hartley - soloist; Pam Coggins - oboe

✦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 come forward to receive the bread and cup. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Anyone wishing to remain seated and be served may so indicate to an usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the
peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this
meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a
little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn
for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of
the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and
knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.**

✦HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Linstead 514

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Because He Lives*

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because he lives.**

✦POSTLUDE *Jubilate* Gilbert Martin

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes
Sermon Title: "One Table Welcomes All"

Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

John 6:1-15, 35

⁶ Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" ⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. ¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Church Operations Weekly Finances		Weekly Church Attendance	
Weekly Total Income	\$ 4,953	2018 Attendance	229
Weekly Total Budget	\$ 10,733	2017 Attendance	224
*YTD Total Income	\$ 515,041	*YTD 2018 Attendance	12,533
*YTD Total Budget	\$ 541,600	*YTD 2017 Attendance	14,765
*YTD Per Capita Income (\$39/pp)	\$ 8,489		
*YTD Per Capita Budget	\$ 17,082		

*YTD: Year-to-Date

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