

October 10, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Last Sunday, we celebrated World Communion Sunday, coming to the Lord's Table to remember the gift of grace we experience through God's abundant mercy. This Sunday, we look at the story of Manna in the Wilderness: the gift given to the people of Israel, reminding us that – despite our failure to always and adequately share with one another the goodness that we have been given – God provides for our daily needs.

PRELUDES

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King
For the Beauty of the Earth*

*John Barr
Carson P. Cooman*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORAL INTROIT #399

God Welcomes All

Themba Amen

***God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.***

By John L. Bell

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Why do we give thanks and praise today?

P: Because we are each created in God's image.

L: Why are we called to reach out and love God's children?

P: Because we are all created in God's image.

L: Why are we called to care for God's creation?

P: Because we are each and all created in God's image.

L: As those created in the image of God and beloved by God,

All: Let us worship God!

*WELCOMING SONG

Sing to God with Joy and Gladness

Stuttgart

(verse 1)

Sing to God with joy and gladness hymns and psalms of gratitude; with the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

(verse 2)

God unites his scattered people, gathers those who wandered far, heals the hurt and broken spirits tending ev'ry wound and scar.

(verse 3)

Such is God's great pow'r and wisdom none can calculate or tell; God is keen to ground the wicked and with humble folk dwell.

(verse 4)

***God, with clouds, the sky has curtained thus ensuring rain will fall;
earth, responding, grows to order food for creatures great and small.***

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*Please stand as you are able.

SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 16:1-18 (Common English Bible)

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Sin desert, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They set out on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt. ² The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. ³ The Israelites said to them, “Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death.” ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “This evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ⁷ And in the morning you will see the LORD’s glorious presence, because your complaints against the LORD have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?” ⁸ Moses continued, “The LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the LORD heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren’t against us but against the LORD.” ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole Israelite community, ‘Come near to the LORD, because he’s heard your complaints.’” ¹⁰ As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹² “I’ve heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³ In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” They didn’t know what it was. Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Collect as much of it as each of you can eat, one omer per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.’” ¹⁷ The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. ¹⁸ But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat.

Sermon Series:

Out of Chaos, Hope – “God Provides for our Daily Needs”

Rev. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As with Gladness Men of Old

Henry J. Markworth

DOXOLOGY #709

God, We Honor You

Abundant Blessings

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you. Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SENDING SONG #509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Holy Manna

(verse 1)

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

(verse 2)

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

(verse 3)

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Love So Deep

Davies & King

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Harold Rutz

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health and Safety Protocols

With the return to in-person worship services, we ask you to follow these guidelines:

- Windows will be open and fans turned on, so please dress to be comfortable.
- In order for proper distancing, please do not sit in the pews that have been blocked or directly next to people not in your family.
 - Please wear face coverings when inside the church building.
 - If you are not feeling well today, please stay home.
- Hymnals and pew bibles have been put away, the words are printed in the bulletin.

- At this time, we will not be passing the peace, the offering plate, or holding hands for the benediction at the close of the service.
- Since we are livestreaming the service, we ask that you remain seated in the pews during the prelude and postlude.
- After the worship service has concluded, we ask that you move outside for any extended conversations.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Any changes to these protocols will be shared in advance of Sunday gatherings.

Crop Walk Today

Chagrin Valley Council of Churches

Crop Walk

Today, October 10, 2021

Frohring Meadows

16780 Savage Road

Sign in begins at 1:45 p.m.

Walk begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Katydid Shelter.



Proceeds benefit the Geauga Hunger Task Force and Church World Service.

Stoller Pastries Fundraiser - HOVCP

Heart of Valley is, once again, selling Stoller pastries – just in time for the holidays! This is a very popular fundraiser because the pastries are so good! Items come frozen and can be stored in your freezer to use later. You can order online with the link below or call Heidi at the preschool – 440/708-2572:

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/890d5879-9986-48eb-833e-bb5a57004fba/1128446>

We will be taking orders through October 17th. Delivery is the week of November 8th. Thank you for your support!



Flowers

The flowers are dedicated by Alan & Ruth Gurd in celebration of family birthdays.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



Show your appreciation for Pastor John by sending him a note of thanks and appreciation. Cards are available in the Narthex!

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Helyne Walker is creating 50 Goody Bags to give out to the families in the community. Please pick something from the list below or add your favorite snack, or please consider donating items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



Potato chips, pretzels, popcorn, granola bars, candy, apples, oranges.

The Goody Bags will go out to families, adults, and seniors....people of all ages.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, October 15

(10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, October 16

(10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle is a group of Valley Presbyterian ladies who meet the second Tuesday of each month. Guided by God, we have discussions and share insights. We learn about the teachings in the Bible and about ourselves. We currently have eight members.



Our first meeting is on Tuesday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Church Library. We will be studying "*What My Grandmothers Taught Me*", a Horizons Bible study.

Come and join this delightful group! Please call Carol Ferguson, Circle Coordinator, 440-543-8377, for more information.

Dougbe River School

2021 Gala

Sunday, October 24

In-person Gala

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

at

Banquet Center at St. Noel

35200 Chardon Road

Willoughby, OH 44094

Attendees should be fully vaccinated and wear a mask, except when eating / drinking.

Thank you!



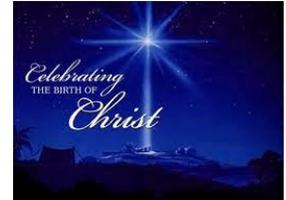
Thank you to all of the musicians, instrumentalists, soloists, ensembles, and trios who provided the MUSIC throughout the summer months at Valley. Your talents offer variety, and we are so blessed to be able to experience the many gifts that you shared each week!!!

Festival Choir



The Festival Choir of Valley will be starting rehearsals for "A Simple Christmas" on Thursday October 14th, at 8 p.m. in the Choir Loft. You are invited to join us for this special presentation on December 12th during the worship service.

"A Simple Christmas" is an opportunity for you to join the choir and let the birth of Christ fill your heart once again.



Confirmation Class / Organizational Meeting

An organizational meeting for interested youth and their parents / grandparents will be held at **noon on today, October 10**, in the church library. At this meeting, we will introduce the confirmation program's theme, materials, and a proposed meeting schedule.

Blessing of the Animals



Did you know that our Book of Common Worship includes a service for the Blessing of the Animals? On Sunday afternoon, October 17, we are inviting anyone in the community to bring their pets to the outdoor chapel for a special service of thanksgiving, prayer, music, and blessing. Please dress for the weather. In case of rain, the service will be held under the front portico.

Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, October 17, 4:00 p.m.

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