

*All who are able please stand

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BELL PRELUDE- "Seasons of the Heart" Buckwalter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE- Jessica Scnrpfeil

COMMISIONING OF THE WALKERS FOR THE WATER WALK

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Safely Through Another Week" Mason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A river brings joy to the city of our God.

People: God lives in that city, it cannot be destroyed!

Leader: Come see the glorious works of the Lord.

People: God will be honored by every nation.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN- "All Things Bright and Beautiful" #65

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

We believe in God, who created the world and all that is in it, including the men and the women who are given dominion over earth and sea and sky. We believe that God gave Jesus for the redemption of this world from sin and bondage and that all who trust and follow him find a quality of life that others are missing. We believe that the Holy Spirit is alive and active in the world, calling us to repentance and leading us to deeds of compassion and healing. We believe that God intends us to use our minds and imaginations in the service of the Kingdom, constructing new possibilities for the poor and offering new hope for the handicapped.

HYMN OF PRAISE- "Glory to His Name" vss. 1&2 #382

THE BAPTISMS OF Amanda Marissa Monopoli and Isabella Nova Reeves-Hall

BELL ANTHEM- "One Bread, One Body" Foley/Tucker

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Ezekiel 47:1-12 Olivia Smith

In my vision, the man brought me back to the entrance of the Temple. There I saw a stream flowing east from beneath the door of the Temple and

passing to the right of the altar on its south side. ² The man brought me outside the wall through the north gateway and led me around to the eastern entrance. There I could see the water flowing out through the south side of the east gateway. Measuring as he went, he took me along the stream for 1,750 feet and then led me across. The water was up to my ankles. He measured off another 1,750 feet and led me across again. This time the water was up to my knees. After another 1,750 feet, it was up to my waist. Then he measured another 1,750 feet, and the river was too deep to walk across. It was deep enough to swim in, but too deep to walk through. He asked me, "Have you been watching, son of man?" Then he led me back along the riverbank. When I returned, I was surprised by the sight of many trees growing on both sides of the river. Then he said to me, "This river flows east through the desert into the valley of the Dead Sea. The waters of this stream will make the salty waters of the Dead Sea fresh and pure. There will be swarms of living things wherever the water of this river flows. Fish will abound in the Dead Sea, for its waters will become fresh. Life will flourish wherever this water flows. Fishermen will stand along the shores of the Dead Sea. All the way from En-ge-di to En-eg-laim, the shores will be covered with nets drying in the sun. Fish of every kind will fill the Dead Sea, just as they fill the Mediterranean. But the marshes and swamps will not be purified; they will still be salty. Fruit trees of all kinds will grow along both sides of the river. The leaves of these trees will never turn brown and fall, and there will always be fruit on their branches. There will be a new crop every month, for they are watered by the river flowing from the Temple. The fruit will be for food and the leaves for healing."

CHOIR ANTHEM- "Come Into the House" Snyder

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List- Mary Andrews, Vahness Buchanan, Charlene Burbury, Darcy Cassidy, Anna Fijol, Penny Gustafson, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Billy Hinds, Kristen Kent, Ken & Lois Macomber, Karen McQuilken, Stephen Scott, Kristine Thompson, Doug Valk, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Tresspass)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER (In Unison)

Father, accompany these gifts by the power of your Holy Spirit, so they may truly express the warmth of your love and the truth of your gospel. AMEN

*HYMN- "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #6

MESSAGE

*HYMN- "The Church's One Foundation" #115

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

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Announcements

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Maureen Bell and Roy Bell by Lorraine Bell and Margie Schnurpfeil. They are also given in loving memory of mother Mildred Eleanor (Green) Whittaker by Russ and Judy Whittaker.

We are honored to witness the baptism this morning of Amanda Marissa Monopoli and Isabella Nova Reeves-Hall.

All are welcome to join us in Mason Hall for coffee hour following the worship service. Thanks to Margie and Jessica Schnurpfeil for hosting this morning.

If you have not signed up for the Water Walk today, please remember that you can still sponsor people if you are able. Thank you!

Don't forget! The deadline to submit articles for the June/July/August issue of "The Contact" is Wednesday, May 26th. Please email them to office@vccucc.org.

This Week In Our Church

Children's Choir – Today 11:15am
A Cappella – Monday 7pm
Village Bells – Tuesday 6:45pm
Chancel Choir – Wednesday 7pm

The Village Congregational Church

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10 AM Service

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