



September 26, 2021

**Prelude**

“Sheep May Safely Graze”  
Alex Clements, piano

J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

Dr. Adrian N. Doll

**\*Call to Worship**

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall declare your praise.

**Lord, open our eyes, and our seeing shall behold your glory.**

Lord, open our hearts, and our feeling shall know your love.

**Lord, open our minds, and our thinking shall discover your wonders.**

Lord, open our hands, and our giving shall show your generosity.

**Lord, open our lives, and our living shall declare your presence.**

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**\*Hymn**

“Be Thou My Vision”

No 562 – Celebration Hymnal

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Loving and Gracious God,  
You promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.  
You invite us to live in hope and you offer us the gift of your joy,  
but we easily fall back into fear.  
At times we are overcome by a lack of faith.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,  
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.  
This we pray in Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.

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**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**The Children's Sermon**

**Old Testament Reading** – Isaiah 55:6-9

Isabel Tierney (9:00)  
Parker Smith (10:30)

**Special Music**

“Softly and Tenderly”  
Michael Tierney, vocalist ~ Alex Clements, piano

Traditional

**New Testament Reading** – Acts 16:25-34

**Sermon**

“Unexpected and Often Unwanted Opportunities”

Dr. Adrian N. Doll

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“The River is Wide”  
Alex Clements, piano

arr. Alex Clements

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**The Prayers of God's People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

“This Is My Father's World”

No. 143 – Celebration Hymnal

This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world,  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas -  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world,  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world,  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”  
Alex Clements, piano

arr. Alex Clements

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## Today at GVPC

**Welcome** – A very warm welcome to all worshipping with us this morning. Please record your attendance in the new black friendship pad located in the pew back. We invite all visitors to the welcome table located in the Narthex to learn more about GVPC.

**Sanctuary Flowers** – Today's flowers are provided by Dale and Shelly Coates in memory of their parents: Ted and Jackie Pintarich and Don A. Coates; and by Dave and Bernadette O'Neill in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary ~ September 22, 2001.

**Coffee Hour** - Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for coffee and fellowship. Today's coffee hour is hosted by The Smith family in celebration of Isabelle's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and Rosealyn's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 26. Happy Birthday!

**Sunday School** - For elementary students (K – 5<sup>th</sup>) is offered today during the 10:30 am service in the Christian Education Building. Nursery care for ages 0 - 5 years is available in the C.E. Bldg.

## This Week at GVPC

**Gingerbread Fair** – Join us on **Saturday, October 9, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for the Gingerbread Fair. There will be many handmade gifts, decorations, and practical items. ***Don't forget our raffle!*** Tickets can be purchased in the Narthex on Sunday, September 26 and Sunday, October 3. Homemade crafts and bakery items are gladly accepted from the congregation. Please bring your donated craft items to Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 7 and bakery items on Friday, October 8.

**Men's Luncheon** – All men are invited to the monthly luncheon at Barley's Casino on Sunset on **Tuesday, September 28 at 11:30 am** for lunch. This group of men meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month for food, fun, and fellowship.

**Ladies Bible Fellowship** – Ladies' Bible Fellowship is meeting again! Regular meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month in the Conference Room. Our next meeting will be this **Wednesday, September 29 at 10:00 am** in the Conference Room due to Gingerbread Fair the following week.

**Women's Fellowship Event** – The Women of Nevada Presbytery are invited to a one-day conference featuring nationally known author and conference speaker, Liz Curtis Higgs on **Saturday, October 16** (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Summerlin. Tickets must be **pre-purchased** through Mountain View's website: [www.mviewpc.org](http://www.mviewpc.org). The cost is \$50 including lunch or \$30 not-including lunch. For more information, e-mail Bernadette O'Neill at [bmburke99@yahoo.com](mailto:bmburke99@yahoo.com).

**Chancel Choir** – The Chancel Choir will resume practice this **Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. We eagerly anticipate featuring members of our Chancel Choir in our worship services again. All singers are invited to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Kaymen Carter at [kaymencarter@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:kaymencarter@greenvalleypres.com).

**Ladies' Luncheon** – On **Thursday, October 7 at 11:30 am** will be held at The Willows at Sun City McDonald Ranch, 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Henderson. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net).

**Monday Night Women's Bible Study** – Will begin meeting on **Monday, October 11 at 6:30 pm** in the Conference Room. We will be watching and discussing "The Chosen," the critically acclaimed video series based on the life of Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact Regina Golenkov at (702) 497-9697 or [reginagolenkov@gmail.com](mailto:reginagolenkov@gmail.com).

**Grief Support Group** – GVPC will offer a continuation of the *Grieve-Mourn-Live* grief support program beginning on **Sunday, October 10 at 1:00 pm** in the Conference Room. There will be five sessions of *G-M-L*, followed by GriefShare’s “Surviving the Holidays” on Sunday, November 14. The program will be led by Mia Rochelle Rios and Dave Cornell. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office at (702) 454-8484 to RSVP.

**Ladies Shopping Day** - We have scheduled another shopping day at Chico’s in the Premium Outlet Mall on **Thursday, October 14 at 10:00 am**. All ladies are invited to join us for this event. Shoppers can meet at the outlet mall which is located at 7400 Las Vegas Blvd. or meet at the church at 9:30 am to carpool to the mall. After shopping, we will go to the Food Court for lunch. For further information and to RSVP, please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702-558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net)).

**Deacons Envelopes** – The Board of Deacons would like to thank the congregation for your continued support. With your donations you have enabled us to feed and clothe homeless and disadvantaged families in Henderson. We also support charitable groups that help homeless teens, families immigrating for a better life in Southern Nevada, the Henderson Presbyterian Food Bank, and Friends in the Desert. Please consider helping us continue our work in the community by placing your donation in the **Deacon envelopes located in the bulletin next Sunday, October 3.**



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