

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Collin Stegner, Olivia Hoffbeck, Georgia Hoffbeck, Lars Hoffbeck,
Greg Russell, Luke Smith

LITURGIST: Amy Henning-Blair

VIDEO/SOUND: Bob Rasmussen, Steve Rees, Greg Russell

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 118 - selected verses)

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The LORD is my strength and my might;

God has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them, and give thanks to the LORD.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING HYMN No. 232 (Jesus Christ Is Risen Today)

Verse 1: *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

Verse 2: *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

Verse 3: *But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

Verse 4: *Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of life, we gather together with thankful hearts for all that you have provided us with today. We thank you for your good news in Christ Jesus, for your forgiveness in spite of our brokenness, for victory over death. Speak to us once more your message of eternal life, and move within our hearts as we seek your words of faith, hope, and love. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 600 (Amen) (Sung three times)

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

The angels remind us of God's good news of forgiveness and life, "Do not be afraid! The tomb is empty!"

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 589 (Alleluia) (Sung two times)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (John 20:1-18)

ANTHEM (Song of Hope/Canto de Esperanza arr. by Mitchell) (Olivia, Georgia, and Lars Hoffbeck, soloists; Greg Russell, piano)

MESSAGE (Resurrection by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 248 (Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!)

Verse 1: *Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

Verse 2: *Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

Verse 3: *Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on Acts 10:36-43)

We know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear to the Apostles. He commanded them to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (Adagio, Trumpet Concerto by Joseph Haydn; Collin Stegner, Trumpeter)
(Offerings can be mailed into the church office or made online by visiting our website:
www.valleycommunity.org)

DOXOLOGY

*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 GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 233 (The Day of Resurrection!)

Verse 1: *The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

Verse 2: *Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

Verse 3: *Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.*

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Based on Colossians 3:1-4)

We have been raised with Christ. Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

May we set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
Christ, who is our life is revealed.

We also will be revealed with him in glory!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE