

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Bold Text is spoken by everyone*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (from Acts 2:25-28 and Psalm 16)

I saw the Lord always before me,

**for God is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;**

Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

**moreover my flesh will live in hope.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

**or let your Holy One experience corruption.**

You have made known to me the ways of life;

**you will make me full of gladness with your presence.**

OPENING HYMN No. 15 (All Creatures of Our God and King)

Verse 1: *All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Verse 2: *O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia! O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Verse 3: *O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Verse 4: *All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that in times like these we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of this broken world. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we criticize the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. In your loving kindness, make us one once again.

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

**Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Friends, the good news is this: In Jesus being resurrected from the dead, God showed us that nothing, not even death, will separate us from God's unconditional love. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, and offered new life.

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 (1 Peter 1:3-9)

ANTHEM (Come Thou, Dear Redeemer by C. Franck; Raoul Bellis-Squires, soloist)

MESSAGE (Church Without Walls: Knowing Jesus by Rev. Jeff Binder)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 187 (Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us)

Verse 1: ***Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.***

Verse 2: ***We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.***

Verse 3: ***You have promised to receive us; be the guardian of our way. You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.***

Verse 4: ***Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (Offerings can be mailed into the church office or made online by visiting our website:  
[www.valleycommunity.org](http://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. 839 (Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!)

Verse 1: *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain: *This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Verse 2: *Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.* Refrain

Verse 3: *Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.* Refrain

### CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (from John 20)

Jesus says, "Peace be with you."

**Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."**

Jesus says, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

**Jesus says, "Do not doubt but believe."**

We say,

**"We have seen the Lord." Alleluia! Amen.**

### POSTLUDE