

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 3, 2020 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Luke Smith, Max Warner, Thomas Rheingans

LITURGIST: Trent Sele

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Greg Russell, Roger Rees

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

For you are with me; your rod and your staff —

They comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

OPENING HYMN No. 465 (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

Verse 1: ***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Verse 2: ***Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!***

Verse 3: ***Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us now pray in silence, inviting God's presence into our thoughts, our hearts, our whole selves.

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to be our Good Shepherd—to gather us together, to seek us when we are lost, and to guide us into your green pastures. Yet we have wandered from his fold, and have turned away from his hand that offers us the bread and water of life. Forgive us for seeking out our own places and means of provision, and rejecting the gifts of your Good Shepherd. Help us by your Spirit to trust ourselves fully into his hands, knowing that by him we will be abundantly fed and safely led, to your honor and glory forever.

CONFESSONAL 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: because of the Good Shepherd we will never be forgotten, never left to fend for ourselves. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 (Acts 2:42-47)

ANTHEM VIDEO (How Can I Keep From Singing by Robert Lowry; Max Warner, soloist; Thomas Rheingans, pianist)

MESSAGE (Church Without Walls: Breaking Bread by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Book of Order)

When we gather at the Lord's Supper the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites with the Church in every time and place. We join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We reaffirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

OFFERTORY (Let Us Break Bread Together, an African American spiritual; Luke Smith, tenor)

(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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; let those who have no money come and eat.

God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast, and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS No. 559 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Cantor, Luke Smith) Malotte

Please join in singing as you are able

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 450 (Be Thou My Vision)

Verse 1: ***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.***

Verse 2: ***Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.***

Verse 3: ***Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.***

Verse 4: ***High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.***

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go out into this world nourished by God's word, God's bread, God's cup.

We are sent to share God's love with the world.

We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ.

We are called to be the church without walls.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE