

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 10, 2020 † 10:00 AM

MOTHER'S DAY

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Eoghan McDowell, Olivia Hoffbeck, Lars Hoffbeck, Greg Russell

LITURGIST: David Jimerson

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Greg Russell, Dan Rueff

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 103 selected verses)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—

Today on this Mother's Day we pay tribute to all who play the role of "mom" in other's lives.

We thank God for moms everywhere, in all roles and responsibilities, all reasons and seasons, however our creator has placed them in our lives.

Let us worship our ever-loving God, who reminds us of a mother's love, who loves us as children.

Let us praise our God!

OPENING HYMN No. 305 (Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!)

Verse 1: ***Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

Verse 2: ***Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

Verse 3: ***Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

Verse 4: ***Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

OPENING PRAYER

Psalm 103 continues... The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God will not always accuse, nor will God be angry forever. In understanding God's love, let us pray to God, confessing our brokenness, inviting God's grace into our lives...

How many times have we said we are sorry, Lord, and yet time and time again we continue to make the same mistakes, say the wrong things, and fail to act as you have called us? As we give all praise to you today, we ask for your words to be heard once more. We ask for your loving embrace to be felt. We ask for you to love us still; despite our misguided ways, the wayward children we are.

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

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Again, Psalm 103... God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news: 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 (1 Peter 2:2-10)

ANTHEM (On Eagle's Wings by Joncas; Olivia Hoffbeck and Lars Hoffbeck, soloists; Greg Russell, pianist)

MESSAGE (Priesthood of All Believers by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 693 (Though I May Speak)

Verse 1: ***Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.***

Verse 2: ***Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.***

Verse 3: ***Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (A Mother's Love by Sjolund; Eoghan McDowell, 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.*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 39 (Great Is Thy Faithfulness)

Verse 1: *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain: *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Verse 2: *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.* Refrain

Verse 3: *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!* Refrain

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Friends, we have each been called to share God's unconditional love—all of us!

May we go out into the world emboldened to share God's grace, mercy, and love—everyone!

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

