

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 17, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Raoul Bellis-Squires, Olivia Hoffbeck, Katie Craig, Greg Russell

LITURGIST: Debbie Purcell

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

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 66 selected verses)

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard,

Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

Let us worship our God!

OPENING HYMN No. 20 (All Things Bright and Beautiful)

Refrain: ***All things bright and beautiful, all creature great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.***

Verse 1: ***Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.*** Refrain.

Verse 2: ***The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.*** Refrain.

Verse 3: ***The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.*** Refrain.

Verse 4: ***God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*** Refrain.

OPENING PRAYER (from UKirk Worship Resource)

You, O God, offer us more than we could ever ask, blessing us beyond compare. You feed us with compassion, hold us up with hope, and clothe us with grace. You call us to feed others, hold others up, and clothe them with peace, joy, and love. But we worry about the food on our own plates before offering it to others. We pay more attention to our own survival than to the well-being of those around us. We ensure that our own backs are covered before protecting society's most vulnerable. Help us to be messengers of humility, patience, and peace. Bind us together—with you and with one another—so that we may follow the risen Lord who feeds us and holds us up.

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

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people! 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 (Acts 17:22-31)

ANTHEM (Seek Ye First by Lafferty; Olivia Hoffbeck and Katie Craig, soloists; Greg Russell, pianist)

MESSAGE (Knowing God by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 12 (Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)

Verse 1: ***Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.***

Verse 2: ***Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.***

Verse 3: ***To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.***

Verse 4: ***Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (1 John 4:7-12 adapted)

Let us love one another, because love is from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, God loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debbie Purcell, Deacon)

OFFERTORY

(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. 623 (I've Got Peace like a River)

Verse 1: *I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.*

Verse 2: *I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.*

Verse 3: *I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

God says, "I will be with you."

Waters won't overwhelm you.

Fire will not burn you.

Hear this promise: you will be okay!

So go now; walk forward in faith, not fear.

Know and believe that you are called by name.

Show and share that redeeming love of our Savior now and forevermore.

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

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE