

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 24, 2020 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Raoul Bellis-Squires

LITURGIST: Faith Bridges

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

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 68:32-35)

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

Sing praises to the Lord,

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

Listen, God sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;

And whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;

God gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

OPENING HYMN No. 375 (Shall We Gather at the River)

Verse 1: ***Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?***

Refrain: ***Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

Verse 2: ***On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.*** Refrain.

Verse 3: ***Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.*** Refrain.

Verse 4: ***Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*** Refrain.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Creator, you promise to care for us fully, and invite us to cast all our cares upon you. Yet we continue to worry, betraying our lack of faith in your good and sure promises. Forgive our lack of faith. May we hear your invitation of peace and joy in your presence once more. By your mighty Spirit, help us to trust in the power of your holy name, into which Jesus entrusted himself fully, both in life and death.

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

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Hear this good news! 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! We have been saved. We have been redeemed. We have been 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 4:12-14, 5:6-11)

ANTHEM (I Will Give Thanks by Douglas Wagner; Raoul Bellis-Squires, Bass-Baritone)

MESSAGE (Spiritual Living by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 649 (Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound)

Verse 1: ***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.***

Verse 2: ***'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!***

Verse 3: ***Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.***

Verse 4: ***The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.***

Verse 5: ***When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation-- servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace for the world.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Pentecost Offering by Connie Brenner)

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. 354 (Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory)

Verse 1: *Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword. God's truth is marching on.*

Refrain: *Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.*

Verse 2: *God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat and is sifting out all human hearts before the judgement seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet! Our God is marching on.*
Refrain.

Verse 3: *In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; as he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free, while God is marching on.* Refrain.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Philippians 4)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

May our gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE