

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 5, 2020 † 10:00 AM

*Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

### WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 149)

Praise the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

**Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

Let them praise God's name with dancing,

**Making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.**

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

**The Lord adorns the humble with victory.**

Let the faithful exult in glory;

**Let them sing for joy on their couches.**

### OPENING HYMN No. 331 (God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand)

Verse 1: ***God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.***

Verse 2: ***Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast. Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.***

Verse 3: ***From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense. Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.***

Verse 4: ***Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day. Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.***

### OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you are our inspiration, our reason for being, our deepest desire. On this Independence Day weekend, we celebrate our freedom, as we also celebrate your blessings near and far that have come to be known as these United States. We realize that none of this is possible apart from your love and presence in the world. We celebrate our independence, and we also celebrate our reliance on you. Help us to draw close to you when we stray. Help us to learn from your lessons and teaching. Help us to rely not on ourselves or our institutions, but on your word as we worship you this morning.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 469 (Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying)

*Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Today as we celebrate our national freedom we are reminded of our eternal freedom in the risen Christ. 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. 595 (Holy, Holy, Holy) (Sung two times)

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Psalm 36)

MESSAGE (Songs of Hope and Beauty by Rev. Jeff Binder)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of Belhar)

**We believe...**

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly.

OFFERTORY (I Walk a Stranger on this Land by Dale Wood; Aaron Lange, tenor)

(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.*

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION

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, Aaron Lange) 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. 733 (We All Are One in Mission)

Verse 1: ***We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.***

Verse 2: ***We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.***

Verse 3: ***Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.***

CHARGE AND BLESSING (from Lift Every Voice and Sing)

Lift ev'ry voice and sing

**'Til earth and heaven ring**

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty

**Let our rejoicing rise**

High as the list'ning skies

**Let it resound loud as the rolling sea**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## POSTLUDE