

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

The world belongs to God,

The Earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful,

To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

Justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent

These stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

OPENING HYMN No. 269 of the Rise Up and Sing hymnal (Here I Am, Lord)

Verse 1: ***I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?***

Refrain: ***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

Verse 2: ***I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*** Refrain.

Verse 3: ***I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*** Refrain.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have given us an inheritance of eternal life; yet we have cared more for things of this world, which pass away, than our spiritual riches, which never fade. We have worked harder at cultivating earthly treasure than in storing up heavenly treasure. Forgive us for following our selfish desires. Awaken in us the joy of knowing you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 304 of the Rise Up and Sing hymnal (Seek Ye First)

Verse 1: *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

Verse 2: *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.*

Verse 3: *Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. Friends, the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven throughout eternity!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 2275 of the Sing the Faith hymnal (Kyrie)

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Luke 10:38-42)

ANTHEM (Changes by Audrey Snyder; Soloists: Allison Kurtz, Lindsay Kurtz, Ariel Derting; Piano: Greg Russell)

MESSAGE (God of Mystery by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 217 of the Rise Up and Sing hymnal (On Eagle's Wings)

Verse 1: *You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"*

Refrain: *And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Verse 2: *The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.* Refrain.

Verse 3: *You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.* Refrain.

Verse 4: *For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.* Refrain.

Ending: *And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. 242 of the Rise Up and Sing hymnal (Canticle of the Sun)

Refrain: *The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.*

Verse 1: *Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne.* Refrain.

Verse 2: *Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze; they blow where they will, they blow where they please to please the Lord.* Refrain.

Verse 3: *Praise for the rain that waters our fields, and blesses our crops so all the earth yields; from death unto life her myst'ry revealed springs forth in joy.* Refrain.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We are each called to embrace the mystery of our creator.

We are each called to embrace the mystery of the cross.

We are each called to embrace the mystery of the Spirit.

We have each been called, and we are now sent out into the world to share God's love with the world around us.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE