

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 19, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

LITURGIST: Gaylen Uecker

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Luke Smith

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Greg Russell, Donna Russell

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (from Isaiah 42)

Sing to the Lord a new song,

God's praise from the end of the earth!

Let the sea roar and all that fills it,

The coastlands and their inhabitants.

Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice,

Let them shout from the tops of the mountains.

Let them give glory to the Lord,

And declare God's praise in the coastlands.

OPENING HYMN No. 260 (Alleluia! Sing to Jesus)

Verse 1: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone! Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."*

Verse 2: *Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?*

Verse 3: *Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

Verse 4: *Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.*

OPENING PRAYER

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE 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.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Friends, the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Verse 1: *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Luke 1:46-55) (Sophie Vermillion)

ANTHEM (Love Divine by Zaninelli; Luke Smith, tenor)

MESSAGE (Lifting Up the Lowly by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 835 (Just a Closer Walk with Thee)

Refrain: *Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Verse 1: *I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.* Refrain.

Verse 2: *Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.* Refrain.

Verse 3: *When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.* Refrain.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Immigrants' Creed) (Macy Vermillion)

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants. I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Amy Henning-Blair, Deacon)

OFFERTORY

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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. 772 (Live into Hope)

Verse 1: *Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

Verse 2: *Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

Verse 3: *Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

Verse 4: *Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (from Micah 6:8)

God has told us, O mortals, what is good;

And what does the LORD require of us, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE