

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 26, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Chuck Falconer

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GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

Love God, friends, for this is the most important commandment of all.

We must love our neighbors also, for this is the next most important commandment.

Love for God is incomplete if we do not love our neighbors. And if our love for them does not stem from our love for God, it is empty love.

Love to God and our neighbors is the devotion we desire to give to God.

OPENING HYMN No. 299 (You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim)

Verse 1: ***You servants of God, your Master proclaim and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.***

Verse 2: ***Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.***

Verse 3: ***"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.***

Verse 4: ***Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!***

OPENING PRAYER

We are careless with our love, God, because it is too often a disguise of our self-love. Forgive us when we say we love You, but fail to love Your children. Forgive us when our love for our neighbors is not a Christian witness of the love You give to us and we give to You. Direct us by Your Spirit to be obedient to Your commandments, that we may love as You love us.

CONFESSIOAL 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 (Romans 8)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for all according to the will of God.

Friends, the Good News is that in Jesus Christ we are forever loved and 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 (Mark 12:28-34)

ANTHEM (When Jesus Was Here by Zaninelli; Raoul Bellis-Squires)

MESSAGE (Living In Love by Rev. Chuck Falconer)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 761 (Called as Partners in Christ's Service)

Verse 1: ***Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.***

Verse 2: ***Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.***

Verse 3: ***Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.***

Verse 4: ***So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God's call.

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. 697 (Take My Life)

Verse 1: *Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Verse 2: *Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.*

Verse 3: *Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.*

Verse 4: *Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (from Micah 6:8)

Whatever you do, in word or deed,

do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Him.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

POSTLUDE