

# 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

On the first day of creation God created the day and the night,

**And it was good!**

God then created the sky, land, waters, and vegetation,

**And it was good!**

God put the sun and the moon, and a multitude of stars in the sky,

**And it was good!**

God created birds and fish, and all sorts of animals to roam the earth,

**And it was good!**

God created humanity, in the image of God,

**And it was good!**

And then on the seventh day, God rested,

**Today, on this Sabbath day, we rest, we renew, we praise the God of creation!**

### OPENING HYMN No. 365 (God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!)

Verse 1: ***God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God's might! Bourne up by truth and righteousness, God's throne is our delight. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!***

Verse 2: ***God's fire ignites the clouds with judgement swift and just; the evil find their deeds in vain; God's foes are brought to dust. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!***

Verse 3: ***False idols rise to claim the weakness of our pride, but cannot touch the faithful ones, for God stands at our side. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!***

Verse 4: ***The radiance of God's light beams joy into our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our hearts resound with praise. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!***

## OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, you have always heard us and delivered us when we have cried out to you, and you have turned our sorrow into joy. Yet we confess that we have continued to stray from your path, turning again and again to our own way. In your mercy, forgive our waywardness. By your Spirit, empower us to love and obey you; to worship you with our whole heart, as we seek to be your stewards in this world today.

## CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 288 (Spirit of the Living God)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Friends, the good news is that each time we stray from God's path, each time we lose perspective of our calling to care for God's good creation, we are forgiven and loved eternally.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 175 (Seek Ye First) (verse one)

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

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## SCRIPTURE (Genesis 3:8-24)

MESSAGE (A New Normal by Rev. Jeff Binder)

# RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## OFFERTORY (Home by Phillip Phillips; Sophia Scarce, soloist; David Scarce, percussion)

(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. 822 (When We Are Living)

Verse 1: *When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

Verse 2: *Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

Verse 3: *'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sending beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

Verse 4: *Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Romans 12:1-2)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

**Holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.**

Do not be conformed to this world,

**But be transformed by the renewing of our minds,**

So that you may discern what is the will of God,

**What is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## POSTLUDE