

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

LITURGIST: Amy Rheingans

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Luke Smith, Lizzy Gazeley, Greg Russell

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Dan Rueff, Donna Russell

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 105:1-6)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;

Seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,

His miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,

Children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

OPENING HYMN No. 318 (In Christ There Is No East or West)

Verse 1: *In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

Verse 2: *In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord closebinding humankind.*

Verse 3: *Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

Verse 4: *In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we have doubted—even after having seen your mighty works in us and around us. We have doubted your promise never to leave us or forsake us, and have dwelt anxiously on things that worry us, rather than trusting your promise to work all things for good. By your Spirit, grant us faith, that we may demonstrate our trust in you by being at peace, even when the world is in turmoil, to the glory of God, our heavenly father, who gathers us as a mother, within everlasting arms of love.

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 because of God's unending grace, and because of Christ's unfailing love, we are forgiven time and time again.

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 (Joshua 1:1-11)

ANTHEM (Smile by Charles Chaplin; Lizzy Gazeley, soloist; Greg Russell, piano)

MESSAGE (Courageous Leadership by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 327 (From All That Dwell Below the Skies)

Verse 1: *From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Verse 2: *In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia! In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Verse 3: *Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from "The Immigrants' Creed")

I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose. I believe that the communion of the saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints. I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal, and in reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language, or nationality. I believe that in the resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end. Amen.

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. 182 (I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say)

Verse 1: *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*

Verse 2: *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*

Verse 3: *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

ZOOM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CHURCH OFFICERS

MEET THE NOMINEES
Congregational Meeting, August 9, 2020

For the Session Committee:

Dylan Blair (youth elder serving one-year term): Dylan will be a senior at Lincoln High School this fall. He has attended Valley Church since birth. Some of his extra-curricular activities include soccer, guitar, and hanging out with friends. He enjoys spending time volunteering at Valley.

Bev Hubbard (renewing for three-year term) (bevmahubb@aol.com; 503.617.9960): Bev has been a member of Valley since 1988 and has previously served one term as Deacon, class of 2017. Bev is also a member of the Valley Christian Preschool Board, and serves on the Preschool Staff as the Music Teacher. As Elder, she works with Donna Carlson to provide Kids' Night Out activities as well as preparing and distributing Faith and Family Fun bags (during Covid-19). She is a retired school teacher and childcare worker. She has two grown sons and a granddaughter, all of whom live in the Portland area. She has been very active at Valley in Starfish Mariners, as well as teaching Sunday School and VBS.

Greg Russell (renewing for one-year term) (gregmruss@gmail.com; 503.410.1990): Greg and Donna Russell have been members of VCPC for over 20 years. He has been the Worship elder at Valley since 2017. For several years, Greg has played the piano for the youth choirs. He is currently a member of the Vital Congregations Task Force and the Virus (COVID-19) Task Force at Valley. Previously, Greg served on the PNC that called Pastor Rene Minshew; served as a Valley elder (Clerk of Session); and was a member of a Mission Study. Greg is retired after working for 35 years in high tech, the last 28 at Intel Corporation.

For the Board of Deacons:

Cathy Bernhard (renewing for three-year term) (cathyabernhard@gmail.com; 503.292.9413): Cathy has been attending Valley for over forty years. She has served as both a Deacon and Elder in addition to being on the most recent Pastor Nominating Committee. She is an active member of the Holy Nine Patch Quilters, the Prayer Shawl Knitters, the Book Group, Dining for Women, and the Sailors and Navigators Mariner groups. She is the mother of three sons and has two granddaughters.

Christine Danner (renewing for three-year term) (christine.danner@aol.com; 503.608.2288): Christine Danner has been a Valley member since 1993. She has previously served many terms as a Deacon and has taught Sunday School and VBS in years past. Christine is currently a member of Valley's Prayer Shawl Ministry, Mission Committee and she also works as a Special ED substitute in local school districts.

Angela Graham (three-year term) (angie@valleycommunity.org; 503.858.4567): Angela began working at Valley in 1998 as a teacher in the preschool during the day and in the office during the afternoons. She transitioned to the office full time after her first son was born in 2002. She officially became a Valley member, along with her oldest son Anthony, in 2019. She is a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and participates in Valley's Supper Groups. She taught the art portion of the summer Arts Exploration Camp for many years. Angie has three teenage sons who live at home with her as well as a grown daughter who is married and lives in Portland.

Amy Henning-Blair (renewing for three-year term) (bzmama28@gmail.com; 503.291.7819): Amy has been a member of Valley for 17 years and has served as an Elder and Deacon and volunteered with VBS and Sunday School. She is the proud mother of Alex (20) and Dylan (17) and wife to Craig. She looks forward to serving a second term as a Deacon! Amy has been an educator for 26 years and enjoys gardening, hiking, and cooking in her spare time.

Charlene Stansbury (three-year term) (stansbury1@comcast.net; 503.590.1805): Charlene joined Valley approximately ten years ago at the insistence of a friend. She was very involved in another church and hoped her friend would stop pestering if she would attend once. She attended Valley one Sunday and never stopped. Charlene says Valley is the most friendly, welcoming, and loving church. She served at other churches as an Elder, Treasurer, Deacon twice and at Valley, Deacon for two terms, and has served Home Communion for eight years. She will continue Home Communion at West Hills Village at Brookdale Memory Care of Beaverton, and Rosewood Facility in Hillsboro. Her home communion people are missing her and calling her to see when she can return.

For the Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC): Carol Powers (Session Representative), Donna Rueff, Wade Askew, Wendy Jenkins, Janice Viestenz