

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM
Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

LITURGIST: Jim Sandberg

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, David Sanderman, Renn Sanderman, Turner Sanderman, 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 89 selected verses)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,

Who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;

They exult in your name all day long,

And extol your righteousness.

OPENING HYMN No. 1 (Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!)

Verse 1: ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

Verse 2: ***Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.***

Verse 3: ***Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.***

Verse 4: ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

OPENING PRAYER

O God, light of the hearts that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, and to abide in you is to stand fast forever.

Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

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

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 175 (Seek Ye First)

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

Verse 2: ***Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!***

Verse 3: ***You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Ruth 1:6-18)

MESSAGE (Loyalty by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 225 of the Rise Up and Sing hymnal (A Circle of Love) (Greg Russell, piano)
Refrain: ***A circle of love, yes a circle of love; each hand in a hand, a circle of friends. A circle of love that is open to all; we open the circle and welcome each one of you in.***

Verse 1: ***Each person has something to bring: a song, a story, a smile, a teardrop, a dream, and loving to share.*** Refrain.

Verse 2: ***Jesus calls us to come close to him; the tall, the smaller, the young, the older, with colors so rich and so rare.*** Refrain.

Verse 3: ***All people are special to God: the lost, the lonely, the sick, the hungry. With God now we welcome them in.*** Refrain.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Valerie Conner, Deacon)

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. 700 (I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me)

Verse 1: *I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

Verse 2: *I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

Verse 3: *I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

Verse 4: *I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

Verse 5: *I'm gonna learn so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna learn so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

God will strengthen us to the end, so that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him we were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and sent out into the world as Christ's ambassadors.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE