

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 (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. 265 (Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun)

Verse 1: *Jesus shall reign where're the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

Verse 2: *To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

Verse 3: *People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*

Verse 4: *Blessings abound where're he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

Verse 5: *Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Grant us your grace. Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.

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

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, 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 (Luke 17:11-19)

ANTHEM (God's Holy House; Olivia Hoffbeck, Lars Hoffbeck, vocalists; Greg Russell, pianist)

MESSAGE (Turning Back by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 302 (When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace)

Verse 1: ***When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.***

Verse 2: ***When fingers spell and signs express our prayer and praise and thankfulness, we thank you, God, that hands can sing; you bless the silent songs we bring.***

Verse 3: ***When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you, God, for Christ our friend. In him, our healing can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.***

Verse 4: ***And when the ways we learn and grow are not the ways that others know, we thank you, God, that we have learned your love's a gift, and never earned.***

Verse 5: ***Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise. When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Confession of 1967*)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of a person's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes humanity's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

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. 741 (Guide My Feet)

Verse 1: *Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

Verse 2: *Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

Verse 3: *Stand by me while I run this race; stand by me while I run this race; stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

Verse 4: *I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

Verse 5: *Search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

Verse 6: *Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

CHARGE AND BLESSING (based on *Romans 12:9-13*)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

May we love one another with mutual affection; outdoing one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Let us rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. May we contribute to the needs of the saints, and extend hospitality to strangers.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE