

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 † 10:00 AM
Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder
LITURGIST: Cathy Bernhard
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VIDEO/SOUND: Dan Rueff, Donna Russell, Steve Rees

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 29)

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful,

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN No. 363 (Rejoice, the Lord Is King!)

Verse 1: *Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Verse 2: *Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Verse 3: *His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Verse 4: *Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the judge, shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

OPENING PRAYER (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

To the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

The hand of God between us and each hand,

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

The love of Christ between us and each love.

O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day

Bring us to the guiding light of eternity. Lord, we ask that your presence moves through this very space, throughout our homes, our screens, and our hearts, as a wild goose that canvases the sky; as water flowing throughout the earth. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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 in the waters of Baptism and in our daily lives, we are forgiven and made new!

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 (Jonah 1 and 2)

ANTHEM (The Earth is the Lord's by Don McAfee; Aaron Lange, tenor)

MESSAGE (In the Belly of the Fish by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 13 (The Mighty God with Power Speaks)

Verse 1: *The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys; from dawn until the setting sun, God's wonder earth displays. The perfect beauty all around from Zion's height shines forth; and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.*

Verse 2: *God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds; before God's face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends. All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless; who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.*

Verse 3: *The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as they sky; against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify. Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks, as honor to your might; refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Joyce Diedrick, daughter of Marianne and Samuel Diedrick, sister to James Diedrick; granddaughter of Tye and Joyce Wood, and Jim and Lee Diedrick; niece of Patricia Wood who is Marianne's sister.

PRESENTATION

QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

Members of the congregation, do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Elizabeth by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of her church?

WE DO.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER BAPTISM & PRAYER WELCOME

PRAYER 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. 486 (Child of Blessing, Child of Promise)

Verse 1: *Child of blessing, child of promise, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

Verse 2: *Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed! Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.*

Verse 3: *Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.*

Verse 4: *Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call. Grown to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As God's chosen ones—holy, beloved, and claimed in the waters of baptism—

May we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.

Forgive one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

And above all these things, may we put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE