

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM
Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder
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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 God's name,

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength;

Seek God's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done,

God's miracles, and the judgments God has uttered,

O offspring of the LORD's servant Abraham,

Children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

OPENING HYMN No. 393 (O Day of Rest and Gladness)

Verse 1: *O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.*

Verse 2: *On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.*

Verse 3: *On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear, Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people! We have been saved. We have been redeemed. We have been forgiven.

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 (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

ANTHEM (O Love Divine by Zaninelli; Raoul Bellis-Squires, Bass-Baritone)

MESSAGE ("Anointing" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 20 (All Things Bright and Beautiful)

Refrain: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Verse 1: *Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.* Refrain

Verse 2: *The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:* Refrain

Verse 3: *The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.* Refrain

Verse 4: *God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.* Refrain

INSTALLATION and ORDINATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them all.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served,

God works through different people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purposes through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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. Amen.

QUESTIONS OF ORDINATION and INSTALLATION FOR OFFICERS

QUESTIONS OF CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of this church accept Cathy, Christine, Angie, Amy, Charlene, Dylan, Greg, and Bev as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, say, we do.

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? If so, say, we do.

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION and INSTALLATION

RESPONSE OF CELEBRATION No. 69 (I, the Lord of Sea and Sky)

Verse 1: ***I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?***

Refrain: ***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Jan Bellis-Squires, Deacon)

MOMENT for MISSION

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. 838 (Standing on the Promises)

Verse 1: *Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages, let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.*

Refrain: *Standing on the promises, standing on the promises, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing on the promises, standing on the promises, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Verse 2: *Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.* Refrain

Verse 3: *Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.* Refrain

Verse 4: *Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as all in all, standing on the promises of God.* Refrain

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE