

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 † 10:00 AM  
*Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone*

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

LITURGIST: Sam Connell

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Eoghan McDowell, Sophia Scarce

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

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

#### WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 78:1-4)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

**Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

I will open my mouth in a parable;

**I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Things that we have heard and known,

**That our ancestors have told us.**

We will not hide them from their children;

**We will tell to the coming generation**

The glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,

**And the wonders that the Lord has done.**

#### OPENING HYMN No. 36 (For the Fruit of All Creation)

Verse 1: *For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

Verse 2: *In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.*

Verse 3: *For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

#### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and gracious God, it is a privilege to worship you this day in this community of saints. May our praise be joyful, may our hearts be turned toward you, and may our souls be quenched with the waters of your word. Speak to us once more your words of life, that we may be transformed into your image. We give you all glory and praise and gratitude this day and forever.

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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 Timothy 4:6-16)

ANTHEM (Have it All by Jason Mraz; Sophia Scarce, soloist; David Scarce, percussion)

MESSAGE ("Good News for the Children" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 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.*

Verse 2: *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain*

Verse 3: *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In the spirit of Jesus, as women and men, we dream of a society that does not condemn, a society with opportunities for all, a society where love transforms us into a great family.

In the spirit of Jesus, we dream of being an inclusive community that recognizes the grace of God in all areas of life and in all people, especially those who suffer the most.

In the spirit of Jesus, we dream of a strong, united, resilient and transforming church following the example of Jesus Christ.

## BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Donna Carlson, Director of Children's Ministry)

OFFERTORY (Offerings can be mailed into the church office or made online by visiting our website:  
[www.valleycommunity.org](http://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. 852 (When the Lord Redeems the Very Least)

Verse 1: *When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice. When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.*

Refrain: *We will rejoice. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.*

Verse 2: *When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice. When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice.* Refrain

Verse 3: *When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice. When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice.* Refrain

Verse 4: *When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice. When we live in glorious liberty, we will rejoice.*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And, now may you go from this place in peace, knowing we are all new creations in Christ.

May you go from this place in joy, knowing we are free to serve the kingdom of God and not conformities of the world.

**May we go from this place in love, reminded that nothing we have done or will ever do will ever separate us from the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Go out and serve God's people with energy and imagination!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## POSTLUDE