

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2020 † 10:00 AM

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

*Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone*

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

PARTICIPANTS: Henry T., Amelia, Henry P., Lily

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Eoghan McDowell; David and Renn Sanderman, Turner

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 (from Psalm 150) (Henry P.)

On this Children's Sabbath day, we give you thanks, O God, for all children, for the blessing they are and the blessing we can be to them, as we unite our hearts and voices to do justice, love, kindness, and walk humbly with you. And so we proclaim your glory saying:

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

#### OPENING HYMN No. 184 of the Rise Up and Sing hymnal (Awake! Arise, and Rejoice)

Refrain: ***Awake! Arise, and rejoice! This is the day of the Lord! Awake! Arise, and rejoice! Open the gates with our song!***

Verse 1: ***We come with hearts open, our voices we raise; we come to give thanks, we come to give praise!***

Refrain

Verse 2: ***We come as your people, together in prayer; to live for each other, in your loving care.*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***God lives here among us, God lives to be heard; and blessed are they who live out God's word.***

Refrain

#### OPENING PRAYER (Amelia)

**Gather our hearts, O God, bringing us together across difference and division to live with your compassion.**

**Gather our minds, O God, from distractions and distance to focus on you and your children. Gather our**

**wills, O God, to be strong and be of courage in pursuit of your justice. By the power of your Holy Spirit,**

**make us one in heart, mind, and spirit as we worship you on this Children's Sabbath day.**

CONFESSIOAL 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 (Henry T.)

Friends, by the grace of God made known in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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. 188 (Jesus Loves Me!) (verse one)

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (John 6:1-14) (Henry T.)

ANTHEM ("O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" by Richard Ellsasser; Eoghan McDowell, tenor)

MESSAGE ("A Child Was There" 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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Amelia)

**We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, who calls us as partners in the creation and redemption of the world. We live under the promise that Jesus Christ came so that all might have life in fullness. Guided and upheld by the Holy Spirit we open ourselves to the reality of our world.**

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR SECOND GRADERS (Bev Hubbard)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Donna Carlson)

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 (Bev Hubbard)

A CHILD'S PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (Lily)

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 188 of the Rise Up and Sing hymnal (Shalom)

Verse 1: *Shalom, my peace, shalom, my peace I give to you 'til we meet again, 'til we meet again. Shalom, shalom!*

Verse 2: *All sisters and brothers join hand in hand. Shalom, shalom! All sisters and brothers join hand in hand. Shalom, shalom!*

Verse 3: *All races and creeds, all people in need. Shalom, shalom! All races and creeds, all people in need. Shalom, shalom!*

Verse 4: *No hatred or war in all of the world. Shalom, shalom! No hatred or war in all of the world. Shalom, shalom!*

Verse 5: *Shalom, chaverim! Shalom chaverot! Shalom, shalom! Lehitraot, lehitraot Shalom, shalom!*

Verse 6: *Shalom, my peace, shalom, my peace I give to you 'til we meet again, 'til we meet again. Shalom, shalom!*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jesus tells us to have the faith of a child.

**May we seek God's kingdom with childlike faith.**

Jesus tells us to let the children come to him.

**May we approach our savior as God's own children.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## POSTLUDE