

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2020 † 10:00 AM

REFORMATION SUNDAY

*Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone*

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

LITURGIST: Frank Powers

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Aaron Lange

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 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place

**in all generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,

**or ever you had formed the earth and the world,**

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants,**

and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,**

and prosper for us the work of our hands —

**O prosper the work of our hands!**

OPENING HYMN No. 275 (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

Verse 1: ***A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.***

Verse 2: ***Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.***

Verse 3: ***And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.***

Verse 4: ***That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.***

## OPENING PRAYER

Today as we celebrate our Reformed heritage, we are thankful for your faithfulness throughout these years.

**Center our hearts once more, O Lord, on your ever-speaking word of life.**

Today as we celebrate 78 years of ministry with you and this Valley Community, we are thankful for your faithfulness throughout these years.

**Fill our hearts once more, O Lord, of your ever-speaking word of life.**

Today as we are thankful for our past and content with our present, we look forward with excitement for where you will lead us next in your faithfulness.

**Transform our hearts once more, O Lord, with your ever-speaking word of life.**

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

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 583 (Glory to God)

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Matthew 11:20-30)

ANTHEM ("Spirit of God" by Donald Hustad; Aaron Lange, tenor)

MESSAGE ("Gospel" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 361 (O Christ, the Great Foundation)

Verse 1: ***O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand to preach your true salvation in every age and land: pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure, to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.***

Verse 2: ***Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth, we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth: one holy people gathered in love beyond our own, by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.***

Verse 3: ***Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak, where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak, there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.***

Verse 4: ***This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head. The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings: the final consummation, the glory of all things.***

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Scots Confession)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

## REDEDICATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS (David Marquis and Carol Powers)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Jim Sandberg)

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. 353 (My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less)

Verse 1: ***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.***

Refrain: ***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.***

Verse 2: ***When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.*** Refrain

## CHARGE AND BLESSING (Ephesians 2:8-9)

By grace we have been saved through faith,

**and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.**

By God's grace, go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## POSTLUDE