

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 † 10:00 AM
CHRIST THE KING / THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder
LITURGIST: Wally Phillips
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 100:1-5)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is the LORD that made us, and we are his;
we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving,

and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to the LORD, bless God's name.

For the LORD is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

OPENING HYMN No. 267 (Come, Christians, Join to Sing)

Verse 1: ***Come, Christians, join to sing: alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

Verse 2: ***Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!***

Verse 3: ***Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!***

OPENING PRAYER (adapted from the Book of Common Worship)

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. May we respond in thankfulness this day to our daily blessings this morning. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, to listen to those without voice, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of 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 (Deuteronomy 8:7-18)

ANTHEM ("God of Mercy, God of Grace" by Luigi Zaninelli; Aaron Lange, Tenor)

MESSAGE ("It's Not About You" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 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!*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Out of darkness came light;

And the power of God was revealed

in the running wave and the flowing air, in the quiet earth and the shining stars. Out of the dust came life;

And the image of God was revealed

in the human face and the gentle heart, in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul. Out of justice came freedom;

And the wisdom of God was revealed

in the need to grow and the will to love, in the chance to know and the power to choose. And God looked at the creation,

And behold, it was very good.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT (Frank Powers)

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. 265 (Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun)

Verse 1: *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

Verse 2: *To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

Verse 3: *People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*

Verse 4: *Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

Verse 5: *Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Revelation 7:11-12)

And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

"Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

POSTLUDE