

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 7, 2021 † 10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone*

PASTORS: Rev. Jeff Binder, Rev. Jenny Pratt Hale

LITURGIST: Susan Derting

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## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 19:1-4)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Day to day pours forth speech,

**And night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;

**Their voice is not heard;**

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

**And their words to the end of the world.**

OPENING HYMN No. 721 (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore)

Verse 1: ***Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.***

Refrain: ***O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek others seas.***

Verse 2: ***You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor.*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving.*** Refrain

Verse 4: ***You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as this you call me:*** Refrain

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 738 (O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee)

*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 654 (In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (John 2:13-22)

MESSAGE ("Losing My Religion" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

**In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION (Ruthann Marquis)

OFFERTORY ("How Sweet the Name of Jesus Is" by Fred Bock; Eoghan McDowell, Tenor)

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[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.*

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS No. 559 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Cantor, Eoghan McDowell) Malotte

*Please join in singing as you are able*

## SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 834 (Precious Lord, Take My Hand)

Verse 1: ***Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help my stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

Verse 2: ***When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

CHARGE AND BLESSING (based on Galatians 5:13-14)

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.

**Amen.**

## POSTLUDE