

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

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GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC & PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 147)

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food,

And to the young ravens when they cry.

God's delight is not in the strength of the horse,

Nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

In those who hope in God's steadfast love.

OPENING HYMN No. 268 (Crown Him with Many Crowns)

Verse 1: ***Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.***

Verse 2: ***Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.***

Verse 3: ***Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.***

Verse 4: ***Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.***

OPENING PRAYER

Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 627 (I Love You, Lord)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 591 (Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (John 20:19-31)

ANTHEM ("I Believe" by Mark Miller; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("Doubt & Belief" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 231 (Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers)

Verse 1: *Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died, as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied. Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer; let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!*

Verse 2: *Christ has risen for people whom he died to love and save; Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave. Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room. He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.*

Verse 3: *Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange. Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been: evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (1 John 1, selected verses)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us... This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR MISSION (2021 Virtual CROP Walk by Andrea Murdoch)

OFFERTORY No. 317 (In Christ There Is No East or West)

(Offerings can be mailed to 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. 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!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Psalm 118)

May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours, this day and forever.

Now go from this place to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE