

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 20, 2021 † 10:00 AM

FATHER'S DAY

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

LITURGIST: Donna Carlson

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld

VIDEO/SOUND: Greg Russell, Dan Rueff, Donna Russell

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 8 selected verses)

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honor.

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

OPENING HYMN No. 370 (This Is My Father's World)

Verse 1: ***This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.***

Verse 2: ***This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.***

OPENING PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of the faithful. Kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 695 (Change My Heart, O God)

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Friends, believe the good news! We are God's beloved, called to live into God's beloved community of the forgiven! We are loved, and we are free!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 743 (O God, You Are My God)

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Matthew 1 and 2, selected verses)

ANTHEM ("Run to the Father" by Cody Carnes; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("Behind the Camera" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 108 (Of the Father's Love Begotten)

Verse 1: *Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore! Amen.*

Verse 2: *By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done: heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore! Amen.*

Verse 3: *O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore! Amen.*

Verse 6: *Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Jan Bellis-Squires, Deacon)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” Hymn No. 300) (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 God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 24 (God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens)

Verse 1: *God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space, we, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you. Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.*

Verse 2: *Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row. Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below, where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city’s ebb and flow, lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.*

Verse 3: *We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power, facing us with life’s destruction or our most triumphant hour.*

Verse 4: *As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go from this place assured that we are loved.

We are forgiven of our sins.

We are called to follow the risen Christ.

We are sent to proclaim the good news of God’s love for the world.

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

EXITING MUSIC