

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 3, 2021 † 10:00 AM

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTORS: Rev. Jennifer Ackerman, Rev. Jenny Pratt Hale

LITURGIST: Sam Connell

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Valley Sanctuary Choir

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Greg Russell, Donna Russell

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

♦ WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 8)

O Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

We gather as your children, connected in Christ.

The work of your fingers established the moon and the stars;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them?

We gather as your children, seeking your kingdom.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet.

We gather as your children, ready to be your hands and feet in the world.

O Sovereign God,

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

♦ OPENING HYMN No. 32 (I Sing the Mighty Power of God)

Verse 1: ***I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.***

Verse 2: ***I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!***

Verse 3: ***There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.***

OPENING PRAYER

Wise, nurturing, and welcoming God, thank you for inviting us into new understandings of your love and for lifting and holding us together in this holy space. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we rejoice in the ways that your children are connected through your son, Jesus Christ. O Sovereign God, may your majestic name be praised in all the earth! Amen.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 726 (Will You Come and Follow Me)

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

♦ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

God's love and restoring mercy are poured out for us. Receive these blessings, for we are loved by God and granted forgiveness and mercy. AMEN.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

♦ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** No. 175 (Seek Ye First) (Sung two times)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-1)

MESSAGE ("The Reflection of God's Glory" by Rev. Jennifer Ackerman)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

♦ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** No. 354 (Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory)

Verse 1: *Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword. God's truth is marching on.*

Refrain: *Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.*

Verse 2: *God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat and is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet! Our God is marching on.*

Refrain

Verse 3: *In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me, as he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free, while God is marching on.* Refrain

CHORAL OFFERTORY ("I Believe" by Mark A. Miller) (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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

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 (Malotte) (Siena Hertafeld, cantor)

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 530 (One Bread, One Body)

Refrain: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

Verse 1: *Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.* Refrain

Verse 2: *Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.* Refrain

Verse 3: *Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.* Refrain

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC

