

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 17, 2021 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Wendy Jenkins

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, 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 (Philippians 4:1-9)

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

Today we choose to rejoice.

Today we choose to rejoice and give thanks.

Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

Let us worship God!

♦ OPENING HYMN No. 399 (Lift Every Voice and Sing)

Verse 1: ***Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.***

Verse 2: ***Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died. Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?***

Verse 3: ***God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.***

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, we have come to this time and place to worship you, for you are worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. You have made our minds, so help us to know you more. You have made our hearts, so help us to love you more. You have made our voices, so help us to sing your praises now and forevermore. Fill us this morning with your Holy Spirit, so together we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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**

While it is true that we have sinned...it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. God has demonstrated his great love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new! Be at peace! 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 (John 14:1-3, 18-19, 25-27)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("Soon and Very Soon" by Andrae Crouch; arr. John Helgen)

MESSAGE ("The Promise of Peace" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ **HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 623 (I've Got Peace like a River)**

Verse 1: ***I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.***

Verse 2: ***I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.***

Verse 3: ***I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.***

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from The Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION ("Bread for the World Bake Sale" by Andrea Murdoch)

OFFERTORY ("Let There Be Peace on Earth") (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. 853 (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of, the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-khos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-khos'. Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-khos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen, khanyen' kwen-khos'.

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen, khanyen' kwen-khos'. Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-khos'.

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC