

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 23, 2022 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Cheryl Rees

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Luke Smith

VIDEO/SOUND: Roger Rees, Jim Sandberg

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Luke 4 and 1 Corinthians 12)

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

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We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 610 (O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

Verse 1: ***O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!***

Verse 2: ***The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.***

Verse 3: ***Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.***

Verse 4: ***My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.***

Verse 5: ***To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you came to share good news with the poor and oppressed. You came to release the captives and grant sight to the blind. We, like the crowds that surrounded you at the beginning of your ministry, are fickle. We praise you when your words comfort us and deny your good news means that we need to sacrifice something. We are blind to the true implications of your gospel. Forgive us, Lord, for our wayward and fleeting love. Change our hearts. Give us grace to hear and heed your call to follow you wherever you may lead us. We pray in your name. Amen.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE No. 406 (We Are Standing on Holy Ground)

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Believe and now live the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 172 (Blest Are They) (Sung twice)

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Luke 4:14-21)

ANTHEM ("Live Like That" written and recorded by the Sidewalk Prophets; Luke Smith, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("Today" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 772 (Live into Hope)

Verse 1: ***Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!***

Verse 2: ***Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.***

Verse 3: ***Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.***

Verse 4: ***Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.***

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ("Sonata in D Major K.311 1st movement - Allegro con spirito" by W.A. Mozart)

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

Verse 1: ***In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.***

Verse 2: ***In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord closebinding humankind.***

Verse 3: ***Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.***

Verse 4: ***In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.***

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC