

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 20, 2022 † 10:00 AM
Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin
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GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and learn the way of Jesus.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the way of Jesus.

♦ OPENING HYMN No. 620 (Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven)

Verse 1: ***Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.***

Verse 2: ***Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.***

Verse 3: ***Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.***

Verse 4: ***Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you test the mind and search the heart, so you know the thoughts and intentions we keep hidden. Trusting in your wisdom and mercy, we confess the ways we have failed to love one another, the times we looked the other way when someone needed help, and the ways our actions betrayed your goodness. Forgive us for missing opportunities to share your love, carrying and nursing grudges that keep us from offering forgiveness. Renew us with your mercy to become more merciful to others we meet, following the example of Christ our Lord. 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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, and new life has begun. Friends, trust that you are forgiven by God's generous love and have the courage to forgive one another for Christ's sake.

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 6:27-38)

ANTHEM ("How Can It Be" by Johnson, Maybury, Ingram (recorded by artist Lauren Daigle); Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("A New Way of Life" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 341 (O God, Show Mercy to Us)

Verse 1: ***O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face, so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto every people your saving grace be shown. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing; in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.***

Verse 2: ***For you will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness, and on the earth all nations will your just rule confess. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing. Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send, and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.***

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Edie Leland, Deacon)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION ("CROP Walk" by Andrea Murdoch)

OFFERTORY ("Somebody's Knocking at Your Door")

(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. 729 (Lord, I Want to Be a Christian)

Verse 1: *Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

Verse 2: *Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

Verse 3: *Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

Verse 4: *Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC