

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 † 10:00 AM

***Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone***

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Anthony Graham

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Jim Sandberg, Dan Rueff

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

#### ♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together today in awe and wonder before the God we worship.

**We also come burdened down with the worries of the world & the struggles of our individual lives. But in the midst of the worries and the struggles is God, our radiant source of love and hope.**

**We come together today in awe and wonder to worship the God who transforms our lives.**  
Let us worship God!

#### ♦ OPENING HYMN No. 401 (Here in This Place)

Verse 1: ***Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.***

Verse 2: ***We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.***

Verse 3: ***Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.***

Verse 4: ***Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.***

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often wish to spend all of our time with you on the mountain top, where we are sure of your presence, where we feel connected to you. We confess that when we come down from the mountain, we often fail to go back into the world to be your hands and feet. We struggle to see you in the faces of our neighbor, and we are overwhelmed by the brokenness we see in the world. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord, when our vision is limited and our actions do not live out our discipleship. Give us grace to follow more faithfully wherever you may lead us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CONFESSIONAL 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 (Romans 8:34)

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!***

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBER: JUDY DAVID-HOPE

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Luke 9:28-36)

ANTHEM ("Transfiguration" by Brooke and Scott Ligertwood (recorded by Hillsong); Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("Transfiguration" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 834 (Precious Lord, Take My Hand)

Verse 1: ***Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

Verse 2: ***When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe the mission of the church is to bear witness to God's love for the world in Jesus Christ. We believe that we, the people who are Valley Church, are called to make God's love visible here and now. The forms this call may take are as various as the forms of God's love, yet the center is always Jesus Christ. And so we seek to listen deeply for the voice of Christ teaching us and calling us, now and always. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ("Piano Sonata C Major K 330 3rd Movement" by W.A. Mozart)

(Offerings can be mailed to the church office or made online by visiting our website:

[www.valleycommunity.org](http://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. 192 (Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining)

Verse 1: *Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.*

Refrain: *Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Verse 2: *Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.* Refrain

Verse 3: *As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me.* Refrain

### ◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Please join us directly after worship for a congregational meeting. The Session will present reports along with plans for 2022, receive the financial report for 2021, and review the budget for 2022. We will also be recognizing some retirements that had occurred during the pandemic.