VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 6, 2022 † 10:00 AM Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTORS: Rev. Robin Garvin, Rev. Jenny Pratt Hale

LITURGIST: Lyle Chadwick

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Sanctuary Choir VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Jim Sandberg, Dan Rueff

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved people, we have gathered here to give our hearts to God.

We were made in the image of God. And God's likeness shines in all of us.

But in Christ, we find the poor and broken, those abandoned by the world.

May God transform our hearts for love, that we might love them as we love ourselves.

In so doing, let us finally learn to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

OPENING HYMN No. 667 (When Morning Gilds the Skies)

Verse 1: When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 2: Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 3: Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 4: Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unending love, in our selfishness and greed we have failed to be an obedient church. We have heard your word, and yet failed to answer the cry of the needy. We know your commandments, and yet we have failed to love. We have lived in the world as if it is ours, and we have forgotten that everything we have, we have because of the grace you poured out on us. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Come live in us, in those whom you have created. In Jesus' name we pray.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 227 (Jesus, Remember Me) (sung twice) Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:8)

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died 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. 215 (What Wondrous Love Is This)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Luke 10:25-37)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("Chatter with the Angels" traditional spiritual arranged by Greg Gilpin)

MESSAGE ("Neighborly Mercy" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 203 (Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love)

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Verse 1: Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

Verse 2: **Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away.**Refrain

Verse 3: These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain

Verse 4: Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Refrain

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on John 3:16-17)

God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. God sent his son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. This is our faith. Lord, help our faith to grow.

OFFERTORY ("All Who Are Thirsty" by Brenton Brown; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist) (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

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 (traditional version) (Siena Hertafeld, cantor)

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

• CLOSING HYMN No. 765 (May the God of Hope Go with Us)

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC