

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 13, 2022 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Georgia Hoffbeck

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Luke Smith, John Harr

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Yvonne Rees, Dan Rueff

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Lord, as we search now, let us find you.

As we knock, open the door to us.

Let us know you, that we may praise you; and love you, that we may serve you.

Let us worship God!

♦ OPENING HYMN No. 409 (God Is Here!)

Verse 1: ***God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.***

Verse 2: ***Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.***

Verse 3: ***Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.***

Verse 4: ***Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which we were not prepared. We have not responded to difficulties with love, but rather with impatience. We have turned our backs on others in need, placing our needs first. We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed. Give us peace, Gracious Lord. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love. Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and then having received such love, we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be faithful disciples for you. In Christ's name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 227 (Jesus, Remember Me) (sung twice)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON (John 3:17)

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 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 11:1-13)

ANTHEM ("Indescribable" by Laura Story and Jesse Reeves; Siena Hertafeld and Luke Smith, vocalists; John Harr, guitarist)

MESSAGE ("Shameless" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 464 (Our Father, Which Art in Heaven)

Cantor: *Our Father, which art in heaven:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *Thy kingdom come; thy will be done:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *On earth as it is in heaven:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *Give us this day our daily bread:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *And forgive us all our debts:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *As we forgive our debtors:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *And lead us not into temptation:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *But deliver us from evil:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

Cantor: *Forever and ever, amen:*

All: *hallowed a be thy name.*

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION ("Mission Endowment Fund" by Carol Powers)

OFFERTORY ("Cavatina" by Stanley Myers)

(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. 547 (Go, My Children, with My Blessing)

Verse 1: "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

Verse 2: "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

Verse 3: "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

◆ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC