

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 20, 2022 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Karen Sandberg

MUSICIANS: Sarah Lightfoot, Siena Hertafeld, Luke Smith

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

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Our lives are in the care of God.

God has given us abundance and hope.

This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.

Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love!

♦ OPENING HYMN No. 299 (You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim)

Verse 1: ***You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.***

Verse 2: ***Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.***

Verse 3: ***"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.***

Verse 4: ***Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires we have forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors; we have neglected our communion with you, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness. In a world of plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures. Free us from such bondage, that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.

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

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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◆ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Hear the Good News! God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loves us, even when we were dead through our sin, has made us alive together with Christ. 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 12:16-21)

ANTHEM ("Forever" by Chris Tomlin; Luke Smith, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("Rich?" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** No. 450 (Be Thou My Vision)

Verse 1: *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Verse 2: *Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

Verse 3: *Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

Verse 4: *High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, Father, Creator and Creating; who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy, and sustains us in our suffering. God's power is open to us; we trust him.

We follow Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Man. His death is our victory, his resurrection is our hope; in him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, release from despair.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church, to celebrate his love, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, to share with him in Baptism and to eat at his Table.

Because we are disciples and pilgrim people, we joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in love, to pray for one another, to care for one another, to live in fellowship, in life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Karen Sandberg, Deacon)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ("Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" arr. Cindy Berry)

(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. 708 (We Give Thee but Thine Own)

Verse 1: *We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

Verse 2: *May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first-fruits give.*

Verse 3: *The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.*

Verse 4: *And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC