

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 27, 2022 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Debbie Purcell

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

God calls us to service,

rather than honor.

God calls us to love the unknown,

rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,

trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Let us worship God!

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 804 (Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!)

Verse 1: ***Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.***

Refrain: ***Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!***

Verse 2: ***With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.*** Refrain

Verse 4: ***At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest, the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.*** Refrain

Verse 5: ***Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.*** Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us when we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your Spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 (Psalm 103:8)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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 14:1, 7-14)

ANTHEM ("Surrender All" by Rich Dallas; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("Table Manners" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 503 (Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation)

Verse 1: *Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends; yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.*

Verse 2: *Here, at your table, confirm our intention; give it your seal of forgiveness and grace; teach us to serve without pride or pretension, Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.*

Verse 3: *When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored, may we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.*

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery

beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives

of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ

by showing power in the form of a servant,

wisdom in the folly of the cross,

and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world

discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator

who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION ("OGHS" by Connie Brenner)

OFFERTORY ("I Have Decided to Follow Jesus")

(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. 772 (Live into Hope)

Verse 1: *Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

Verse 2: *Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

Verse 3: *Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

Verse 4: *Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC