

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 3, 2022 † 10:00 AM

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

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

LITURGIST: Amy Henning

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Luke Smith, Sanctuary Choir

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## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

#### ♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

We are lost sheep,

**so God seeks and saves the lost.**

We are a lost coin,

**so God searches and rejoices when we are found.**

We are the wayward son and daughter

**so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

We are the elder sibling, standing outside,

**but God welcomes us in, challenges us to join in Kingdom hospitality.**

Let us worship this God of steadfast love and amazing grace!

#### ♦ OPENING HYMN No. 415 (Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy)

Verse 1: ***Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.***

Refrain: ***I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

Verse 2: ***Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.*** Refrain

Verse 4: ***Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.*** Refrain

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How easily we leave your side, Lord, for a place far away. We are blind in our darkness, so open our eyes to our sins. Unless you strengthen our spirits and create our hearts anew, we cannot make the journey home. Guide us to your welcoming arms, for we are easily lost, and only you, our Father, can find us. Find us, heal us, and restore us. We pray in Christ's 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 103:8-9)

Hear the words of the psalmist: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever." 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 15:1-3, 11b-32)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("For the Beauty of the Earth" music by Ruth Elaine Schram)

MESSAGE ("Grace on Every Branch" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 435 (There's a Wideness in God's Mercy)

Verse 1: *There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

Verse 2: *For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he  
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy  
catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY ("Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" adapted by Chris Tomlin; Luke Smith and Siena Hertafeld, vocals) (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.*

## 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) (Luke Smith, cantor)

### SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 774 (There Is Now a New Creation)

Verse 1: *There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.*

Verse 2: *Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.*

Verse 3: *Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.*

Verse 4: *Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.*

Verse 5: *There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

### SENDING MUSIC