

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 17, 2022 † 10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

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

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Angela Graham

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Sanctuary Choir

VIDEO/SOUND: Jim Sandberg, Dean Bridges, Hayden Bach

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**God has given us new life and hope. God has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**God has brought us out of darkness. God has made us light to the world.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN No. 232 (Jesus Christ Is Risen Today)

Verse 1: ***Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

Verse 2: ***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

Verse 3: ***But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!***

Verse 4: ***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, we have seen the empty tomb, and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing. Why must we continue in fear? Why must we be afraid of death even after its defeat? This is a glorious day of joy and song but forgive us when we are quick to forget its Good News. Help us be a people of resurrection not just on this day but all days. Fill our hearts with your resurrection promise of life and hope that we might turn from sin and be renewed. Eliminate from us the fear of sin that we might tell this glad story - that Christ is risen, he is risen, indeed! This we pray in the name of your Risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE No. 250 (In the Bulb There Is a Flower)

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: the tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave!  
Christ is alive! No barrier, none whatsoever, can keep us from the love of God! 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. 243 (Be Not Afraid) (Sung two times)

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (John 20:1-18)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("In Christ Alone" arranged by David Angerman)

MESSAGE ("A Word of Hope" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

CHORAL ANTHEM RESPONSE ("Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi)

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children, healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Angela Graham, Deacon)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ("Come People of the Risen King" by Keith and Kristyn Getty; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

(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.*

◆ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 233 (The Day of Resurrection!)

*Verse 1: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Verse 2: Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Verse 3: Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
SENDING MUSIC

# Sanctuary Flowers

The beauty of our sanctuary is enhanced today by flowers which have been presented  
in memory or honor of:

Ted and Bev Carlson.....	Brad and Donna Carlson
William Mitchell.....	Geri Mitchell, Karen Mitchell-Yakymi & Families
Michael Graham, Bonnie May .....	The Graham Family
Jim McClean.....	Pat McClean
Loved Ones.....	Marilyn Farrier
Gus and Elizabeth Parker; Gladys and Richard Busch .....	Kent and Beth Busch
Maxine & Okie Sanders, Ruby & Gus Townsend .....	The Sanders Family
Dan F. Stansbury .....	Charlene Stansbury
For My Loved Ones .....	Andrea Murdoch
Neil Baker.....	Sharon Baker
Karen Rae Baird.....	The Carlson Family

The funds collected will be used to enhance the worship space  
throughout the year.