

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 24, 2022 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

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GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our eyes to see the goodness of the Lord.

Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Open the eyes of our faith, to behold Christ in all his redeeming work.

May our hearts and spirits rejoice in this day. Alleluia! Christ is Risen. The Lord is risen indeed!

OPENING HYMN No. 248 (Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!)

Verse 1: ***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.***

Verse 2: ***Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.***

Verse 3: ***Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

CONFESSIONAL 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** (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. 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 (Luke 24:13-35)

ANTHEM (“Two Were Bound for Emmaus” by Bob Hurd; Siena Hertefeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE (“Recognizing Jesus” by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ **HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 252** (Day of Arising)

Verse 1: ***Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.***

Verse 2: ***When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.***

Verse 3: ***Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.***

Verse 4: ***Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.***

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”)

(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. 240 (Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks)

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Verse 1: *Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.* Refrain

Verse 2: *Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.* Refrain

Verse 3: *We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.* Refrain

Verse 4: *Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.* Refrain

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC