

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 8, 2022 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

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

LITURGIST: Joyce Wood

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Sanctuary Choir

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

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our shepherd. We can depend on God.

God brings us hope and peace.

Through trials and tribulations, God continually provides abundantly for us.

Even when we doubt and turn away, God is constant in God's faithful love.

God's love continually flows through our lives.

We will praise God in song, worship, and service!

OPENING HYMN No. 187 (Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us)

Verse 1: *Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.*

Verse 2: *We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.*

Verse 3: *You have promised to receive us; be the guardian of our way. You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.*

Verse 4: *Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Shepherd, we confess we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess we are quick to give up when things get difficult. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for your perfect timing. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives and help us hear your gentle whisper guiding us. Then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, even when we cannot see the outcome. In the name of our Good Shepherd, Jesus, we pray, 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 (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

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 10:22-30)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("You Sing Over Me" by Heather Sorenson)

MESSAGE ("Real Security" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

♦ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 837 (What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine)

Verse 1: *What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Refrain: *Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Verse 2: *O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.* Refrain

Verse 3: *What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.* Refrain

♦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, question 1)

Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: **That I am not my own,**

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

OFFERTORY (“I Believe” by Frankie Laine; Siena Hertafeld, vocals) (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.

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) (Siena Hertafeld, cantor)

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 541 (God Be with You Till We Meet Again)

Verse 1: *God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Verse 2: *God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Verse 3: *God be with you till we meet again; when life’s perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Verse 4: *God be with you till we meet again; keep love’s banner floating o’er you; smite death’s threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC