

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 22, 2022 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

LEADER: Amy Dee

LITURGIST: Elise Jenkins

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

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

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)

Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

God has remembered God's faithful ones.

God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

Rejoice, for God is truly with us. Let us worship God!

♦ OPENING HYMN No. 796 (We Come to You for Healing, Lord)

Verse 1: *We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.*

Verse 2: *As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with power to heal again.*

Verse 3: *You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.*

Verse 4: *Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.*

Verse 5: *We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and less than your best for us. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with conditions. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

◆ CONFSSIONAL 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 (Psalm 103:17)

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. 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 5:1-9)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arranged by Mark Miller)

MESSAGE ("Just Get Up!" by Amy Dee)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 792 (There Is a Balm in Gilead)

Refrain: *There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Verse 1: *Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.* Refrain

Verse 2: *Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you lack for knowledge, he'll refuse to lend.* Refrain

Verse 3: *If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."*

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Declaration of Faith, 10.1)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence

that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ God gives hope

for a new heaven and earth,

certainty of victory over death,

assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION (Mission Endowment Ukraine - Nataliya Shatalova)

OFFERTORY ("I Will Rise" Siena Hertafeld and Luke Smith, vocalists)

(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. 802 (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)

Verse 1: *The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.*

Verse 2: *Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

Verse 3: *Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

Verse 4: *In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC