

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 15, 2022 † 10:00 AM

GRADUATE SUNDAY

*Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone*

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Allison Carlson

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Yvonne Rees, Dan Rueff

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

#### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus has given us a new commandment:

**We are commanded to love one another.**

Just as Christ has loved us,

**So we ought to have love for one another.**

By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

**By our love for one another.**

Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

**Let us worship God by loving one another.**

#### ◆ OPENING HYMN No. 679 (Let the Whole Creation Cry)

Verse 1: *Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high." Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King." Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!*

Verse 2: *Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold; join with children's songs of praise; worship God through length of days. From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!"*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, as you showed by your life and words what it means to serve and to love others, we admit that we fall short of following in your steps. We confess our times of self-absorption and indifference towards others you would have us serve. Thank you for your example, and lead us this week to opportunities to obey your holy command to love others as you have loved us. 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** (John 3:17)

Hear the good news: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Friends, 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 13:31-35)

ANTHEM ("Amazed" by Jared Anderson; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("A Promise to Love" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** No. 203 (Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love)

Refrain: ***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

Verse 1: ***Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.***

Refrain

Verse 2: ***Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away.***

Refrain

Verse 3: ***These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and to you.*** Refrain

Verse 4: ***Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you.***

Refrain

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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 (Christine Danner, Deacon)

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERTORY ("Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying")

(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

### CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Sophia Bird, Annika Carlson, Zachary Graham, Ainsley Killian, Maria Rinella

### INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATION OF QUILTS

### GRADUATE BLESSING

#### ◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 300 (We Are One in the Spirit)

Verse 1: *We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Verse 2: *We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:* Refrain

Verse 3: *We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:* Refrain

Verse 4: *All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:* Refrain

#### ◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

### SENDING MUSIC