

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 † 10:00 AM

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

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

LITURGIST: Don Sowers

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

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## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

#### ♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus offers us peace,

**So that we will not be afraid.**

The Holy Spirit reminds us,

**we are never alone.**

God makes a home among us,

**because God loves us.**

Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### ♦ OPENING HYMN No. 401 (Here in This Place)

Verse 1: ***Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.***

Verse 2: ***We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.***

Verse 3: ***Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.***

Verse 4: ***Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.***

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you ask us to love and to keep your word. Simple instructions. Yet, even with the Holy Spirit to help us, we still fail at loving and following faithfully. Every time we fail, speak to us once again of your truths. Keep telling us, so that one day soon, we hear your words and believe. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 701 (Lord, Prepare Me) (Sung two times)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON (John 14:27)

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." There is peace in God's forgiveness. Know that you are forgiven, know that you are loved, and be at peace. Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 743 (O God, You Are My God)

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (John 14:15-27)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("Oh Mary, Don't You Weep" by Moses Hogan)

MESSAGE ("Never Alone" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 291 (Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness)

Refrain: *Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

Verse 1: *You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."* Refrain

Verse 2: *You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.* Refrain

Verse 3: *You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.* Refrain

Verse 4: *You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.* Refrain

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## MOMENT FOR MISSION (Mission Market by Andrea Murdoch)

OFFERTORY (“Breathe” by Marie Barnett (Hillsong); Siena Hertafeld, Megan Wakefield, vocalists)  
(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.*

## 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 found on page 35 of the hymnal) (Luke Smith, cantor)

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

### ◆ 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