

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 13, 2022 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Pat McClean

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Luke Smith,
Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, John Goff: bagpiper

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Jim Sandberg, Dan Rueff, Hayden Bach, Dean Bridges

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103:1-4)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit,
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name!

Let us worship the Lord!

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 645 (Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above)

Verse 1: ***Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!***

Verse 2: ***What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!***

Verse 3: ***The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!***

Verse 4: ***Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part: to God all praise and glory!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we profess our faith in you. Your love, your patience, and your forgiveness overwhelm us. We cling to your promises and celebrate your goodness. But still, we fall short—we waste your gifts to us and neglect our responsibility as your servant people. Remind us again of your forgiveness and saving grace through Jesus Christ. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your forgiving and reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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 (Psalm 103:8-12)

This is our assurance: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us!" 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. 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 (Luke 5:17-26)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("Shiru L'Adonai" arranged by David Neches, sung by the Sanctuary Choir and Valley Youth Choir)

MESSAGE ("The Deeper Need" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 435 (There's a Wideness in God's Mercy)

Verse 1: *There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

Verse 2: *For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

◆ 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (found on page 35 of the hymnal)

OFFERTORY ("We Cannot Measure How You Heal" a Scottish melody; Luke Smith, vocalist)

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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. 515 (I Come with Joy)

Verse 1: I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Verse 2: I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

Verse 3: As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud diversion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

Verse 4: The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Verse 5: Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BAGPIPE RECESSIONAL

SENDING MUSIC