

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 15, 2023 ✠ 10:00 AM
Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

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GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of us?

To do justice.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

To love kindness.

Blessed are the meek and humble, for they will inherit the earth.

To walk humbly with our God.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

We come to worship our God.

Let us worship God!

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 804 (Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!)

Verse 1: ***Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.***

Refrain: ***Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!***

Verse 2: ***With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as we go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:*** Refrain

Verse 4: ***At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.*** Refrain

Verse 5: ***Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ our King.*** Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have heard Jesus' teachings many times, but we confess that sometimes we think they are impractical. We believe our way is better than Jesus' way. We lack courage to follow Jesus' way of love. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to find joy in following Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.

CONFESSONAL RESPONSE No. 695 (Change My Heart, O God)

Refrain: *Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

Verse 1: *You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.* Refrain

◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Trust the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe 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. 726 (Will You Come and Follow Me)

Verse 1: *"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (Matthew 5:1-12)

ANTHEM ("Blessings" by Laura Story; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("Blessed?" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 172 (Blest Are They)

Verse 1: *Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.*

Refrain: *Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Verse 2: *Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.* Refrain

Verse 3: *Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall have their fill.* Refrain

Verse 4: *Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.* Refrain

Verse 5: *Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.* Refrain

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Romans 8, selected verses)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Angela Graham, Deacon)

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION ("The State of Valley's 2022 Giving" by Andrea Murdoch)

OFFERTORY ("How Firm a Foundation") (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. 700 (I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me)

Verse 1: ***I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!***

Verse 2: ***I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!***

Verse 3: ***I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!***

Verse 4: ***I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!***

Verse 5: ***I'm gonna learn so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna learn so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!***

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC