Valley Community Presbyterian Church

MAY 9, 2021 ★ 10:00 AM
MOTHER’S DAY

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder
LITURGIST: Debbie Purcell
MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld
VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Greg Russell, Donna Russell

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC AND PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 98 selected verses)
O sing to the LORD a new song,
For God has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
The world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD,
For God is coming to judge the earth.
The LORD will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

OPENING HYMN No. 377 (I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light)
Verse 1: I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2: I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

Verse 3: I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

OPENING PRAYER
O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Speak to us once more the soothing words as of a mother with child, so that we may be comforted amidst a broken a world, and inspired by the truth you inspire within our lives.
CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 627 (I Love You, Lord)
I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE
Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
In Christ Jesus, we are loved eternally.

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

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 591 (Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Acts 10:34-48)

ANTHEM (“In My Arms” by Tiffany Arbuckle-Lee and Matt Bronleewe; Recorded by the band “Plumb”; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

MESSAGE (“All Are Welcome” by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 44 (Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us)
Verse 1: Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight, fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.

Verse 2: Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide, lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Verse 3: Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might, left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.

Verse 4: When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor’s hand in love, tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from Acts 10:36-43)
Jesus Christ is Lord of all. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.
MOTHER'S DAY PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR MISSION (Pentecost Offering by Connie Brenner)

OFFERTORY (This Little Light of Mine)
(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 Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 340 (This Is My Song)
Verse 1: This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Verse 2: My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Verse 3: This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (John 15:9-11)
Jesus says, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”

May we go from this place loving one another; loving the world.
Go now, out into the world, to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

EXITING MUSIC