

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

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GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 125)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,

from this time on and forevermore.

Let us worship the God of our salvation!

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 508 (Come to the Table)

Verse 1: ***Come to the table, all you who praise God. Laid in a stable, God's gift of love: Jesus our Savior poured out his life's blood. Our sins forgiven, God's gift of love.***

Verse 2: ***Come eat this bread now, my broken body. My vow remember: I am your Lord. Drink of this wine, the cup of salvation, for you are mine, and I am your Lord.***

Verse 3: ***All is now ready, like the first table. Pray for the Spirit; lift up your hearts. Christ has arisen, our Lord and Savior. With great thanksgiving, lift up your hearts.***

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Creation, create in us a new rhythm of life composed of hours that sustain rather than stress, of days that deliver rather than destroy, of time that tickles rather than tackles. To our packed-full planners, we bid, "Peace!" To our over-caffeinated consciences, we say, "Cease!" To our suffocating selves, Lord, grant release. By your ever-restful grace, allow us to enter your Sabbath rest as your Sabbath rest enters into us.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 203 (Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love)

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

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

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

♦ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE**

Friends, the good news is that God calls us to a sacred dance of love, forgiveness, and praise with every day that is given to us. Thanks be to God, who brings us new life in Christ Jesus!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

♦ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 177 (I Will Come to You) (Sung two times)**

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Matthew 6:5-15)

MESSAGE ("Thy Will Be Done" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 525 (Let Us Break Bread Together)

Verse 1: ***Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees); let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees).***

Refrain: ***When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).***

Verse 2: ***Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees); let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees).*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees); let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees).*** Refrain

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF DONNA CARLSON

OFFERTORY ("Enough" by Chris Tomlin; Siena Hertafeld, vocals) (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.

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, God of 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 (Malotte) (Siena Hertafeld, cantor)

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 668 (Golden Breaks the Dawn)

Verse 1: *Golden breaks the dawn; comes the eastern sun like a rider strong, set the course to run. Birds above me fly; flowers bloom below; through the earth and sky God's great mercies flow.*

Verse 2: *Holy, living God, keep me safe today; though I weary plod, make me kind, I pray. Let me guide our youth, honor weak and old; let me serve with truth, and God's love unfold.*

Verse 3: *Give me daily bread, while I do my part, bright skies overhead, gladness in my heart. Simple wants provide; evil let me shun, Jesus at my side, till the day is done.*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go out into the world confident of God's love for the world.

May we share this love with all whom we encounter: our neighbors, our friends, and family.

Go out into the world emboldened to change lives.

May we share this love with all whom we normally don't encounter: the lonely, the outcast, the lost.

We are the hands and feet of Christ! Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord!

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

EXITING MUSIC