

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

LITURGIST: Frank Powers

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld

VIDEO/SOUND: Greg Russell, Steve Rees, Donna Russell

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 19:1-4)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

And night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;

Their voice is not heard;

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world.

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 1 (Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!)

Verse 1: ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

Verse 2: ***Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.***

Verse 3: ***Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.***

Verse 4: ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

OPENING PRAYER

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

To the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

The hand of God between us and each hand,

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

The love of Christ between us and each love.

O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

Lord, we ask that your presence moves through this very space, throughout our homes, our screens, and our hearts, as a wild goose that canvases the sky; as water flowing throughout the earth. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 (Romans 5:1-5)

ANTHEM ("Amazed" by Lincoln Brewster; Siena Hertefeld, vocals)

MESSAGE ("Hope Does Not Disappoint" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

♦ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 772 (Live into Hope)

Verse 1: *Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

Verse 2: *Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

Verse 3: *Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

Verse 4: *Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

♦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (In Christ There is No East or West) (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. 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

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As God's chosen ones—holy, beloved, and claimed in the waters of baptism— May we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. Forgive one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. And above all these things, may we put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

EXITING MUSIC