

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

LITURGIST: Andrea Murdoch

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Luke Smith, Valley Sanctuary Choir

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

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE (Iona Abbey Worship Book)

The world belongs to God,

The earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful,

To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

Justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent

These stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 733 (We All Are One in Mission)

Verse 1: ***We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.***

Verse 2: ***We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.***

Verse 3: ***Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.***

OPENING PRAYER (inspired by Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Dearest Lord, may we see you today and every day in each other, and while serving them minister unto you. Though you hide yourself at times, may we still recognize you in the least of these. Lord, make us appreciative of our unique callings in ministry; each of us with unique gifts to share. And while we seek to serve you in others, may we open ourselves to accept that same loving care and grace. Lord, increase our faith, bless our efforts, and open our hearts to your Spirit, now and forever more.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 726 (Will You Come and Follow Me)

"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?"

♦ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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. 175 (Seek Ye First) (Sung two times)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Romans 12:1-8)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("O God Beyond All Praising" arranged by Rodney Abriol. Words by Michael Perry on a tune by Gustav Holst.)

MESSAGE ("Spiritual Worship" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

♦ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** No. 716 (God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending)

Verse 1: ***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***

Verse 2: ***Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.***

Verse 3: ***Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.***

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY WITH AMY RHEINGANS

("This Little Light of Mine" led by Sienna Hertafeld)

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Peace Offering by Connie Brenner)

OFFERTORY ("Made to Worship" by Chris Tomlin; Luke Smith, 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.

♦ **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 526 (Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ)

Verse 1: *Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

Refrain: *Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Verse 2: *Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.* Refrain

Verse 3: *Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!* Refrain

CELEBRATING PASTOR JEFF AND HIS MINISTRY AT VALLEY

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Romans 12:9-13)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

May we love one another with mutual affection; outdoing one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

May we rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC