

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 10, 2021 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Mark T. Frey

LITURGIST: Don Sowers

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Luke Smith, Eoghan McDowell

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

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 19:1-4)

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O come, let us sing to the Lord

And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

Singing joyful songs of praise.

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 305 (Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!)

Verse 1: *Come sing, Oh church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

Verse 2: *Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

Verse 3: *Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

Verse 4: *Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen

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 (Mark 10:17-31)

ANTHEM ("God of Wonders" by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong; Vocals - Luke Smith, Eoghan McDowell)

MESSAGE ("The One Thing" by Rev. Mark T. Frey)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 69 (I, the Lord of Sea and Sky)

Verse 1: ***I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?***

Refrain: ***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

Verse 2: ***I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain***

Verse 3: ***I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain***

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ("Autumn Leaves" by Johnny Mercer) (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. 22 (God of the Sparrow)

Verse 1: *God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars. How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?*

Verse 2: *God of the earthquake. God of the storm. God of the trumpet blast. How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?*

Verse 3: *God of the rainbow. God of the cross. God of the empty grave. How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?*

Verse 4: *God of the hungry. God of the sick. God of the prodigal. How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?*

Verse 5: *God of the neighbor. God of the foe. God of the pruning hook. How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?*

Verse 6: *God of the ages. God near at hand. God of the loving heart. How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC