

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 24, 2021 † 10:00 AM

***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 92)

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

**Proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,**

To the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

**For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts!

**And you reign forever!**

#### ◆ OPENING HYMN No. 805 (Come Sing to God)

Verse 1: ***Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name. God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane. Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain, yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.***

Verse 2: ***In my success I felt secure; how good you've been to me. I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me. But when you turned aside your face, my life was filled with fears. I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bitter tears.***

Verse 3: ***What good is gained by my disgrace, what profit in defeat? My grave cannot confess your name, nor praise for you repeat. Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; be merciful to me. Accept my longing heart's request and from death set me free.***

Verse 4: ***You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy. In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy. And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise. You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.***

### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, maker of heaven and earth, creator of all things, we praise you and honor your name this morning. We welcome your Holy Spirit to this place.

Father God, settle our minds, our hearts and our spirit that we may worship you in peace.

We rejoice that you are our God and we are your children.

Lord Jesus, may everything within us praise you! Amen.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 466 (Come and Fill Our Hearts) (sung twice)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

God sent His son Jesus Christ, through Him, we have been forgiven. Not because we earned it but because God's love and restoring mercy freely given to us. In Jesus name we are loved by God and granted forgiveness and mercy. Amen!

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 746 (Send Me, Jesus) (sung twice)

*Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM ("Come People of the Risen Christ" by Keith and Kristyn Getty; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

SCRIPTURE (John 2:1-10)

MESSAGE ("Presence of Jesus" by Rev. Shela Sullivan)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 366 (Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

Verse 1: *Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

Verse 2: *Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

Verse 3: *Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

Verse 4: *Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, who calls us as partners in the creation and redemption of the world. We live under the promise that Jesus Christ came so that all might have life in fullness. Guided and upheld by the Holy Spirit we open ourselves to the reality of our world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION ("New Narratives (Luke Dorf)" by Erin Petty)

OFFERTORY ("Simple Gifts") (Offerings can be mailed to the church office or made online by visiting our website: [www.valleycommunity.org](http://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. 488 (I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry)

*Verse 1: "I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."*

*Verse 2: "When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."*

*Verse 3: "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."*

*Verse 4: "I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Philippians 4:6)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC