

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 14, 2021 † 10:00 AM

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

***Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone***

PASTOR: Rev. Jennifer Ackerman

LITURGIST: Ann Johnson

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Luke Smith, Eoghan McDowell,  
Sanctuary Choir, Armonia Choir, John Goff - Piper

DANCERS: June Corl, Cate Ganzer

VIDEO/SOUND: Roger Rees, Cheryl Rees, Dan Rueff

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

### ♦ WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 16)

Come, bless the Lord, in whom we take refuge.

**You are our God; there is no good apart from you.**

Come, bless the Lord, who surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God; our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless the Lord, who instructs and counsels us.

**You are our God; we shall not be moved.**

Come, bless the Lord, who shows us the path of life.

**You are our God; we rejoice in your presence. Amen.**

### ♦ OPENING HYMN No. 797 (We Cannot Measure How You Heal)

Verse 1: ***We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.***

Verse 2: ***The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.***

Verse 3: ***So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul, to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.***

OPENING PRAYER

We gather together to worship, knowing that God is already here among us; knowing that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord. Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near. 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

The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup. God binds us in, counsels our minds and instructs our hearts. God helps us to stand firm for justice, mercy and peace. When we fall, God lifts us up, forgives us, and remembers our sins no more. AMEN.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*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

MIXED CHORAL ANTHEM ("Gaudeamus Hodie (Let Us Rejoice Today)" arranged by Natalie Sleeth; sung by Armonia Youth Choir and Valley Sanctuary Choir)

SCRIPTURE (Mark 13:1-8)

MESSAGE ("WHAT IS TRUTH? It's the Beginning OF the End" by Rev. Jennifer Ackerman)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

SPECIAL MUSIC ("My Heart's in the Highlands" Duet: Luke Smith and Eoghan McDowell)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Bruce Prewer, inspired by Mark 13)

Scripture assures us that our faith is secure, even in the midst of war, earthquake, and famine. Let us affirm our faith together.

**I believe in Jesus the Christ.**

**I believe in the ever-present Spirit.**

**I believe in God whose love transforms all things.**

Though false teachers come and delude the gullible,

**God's truth remains sure.**

Though temples crumble and churches wither,

**God's gospel remains sure.**

Though earthquakes strike and diseases ravage,

**God's purpose remains sure.**

Though good people suffer injustice and persecution,

**God's love remains sure.**

Though saints go to prison or face execution,

**God's life remains sure.**

**This we truly believe. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL OFFERTORY ("Brother James's Air" by Scottish hymn composer James Macbeth Bain, b. 1860)

(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.*

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 821 (My Life Flows On)

Verse 1: *My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the clear, though faroff hymn that hails a new creation.*

Refrain: *No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Verse 2: *Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?* Refrain

Verse 3: *What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.* Refrain

Verse 4: *The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?* Refrain

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Ephesians 3:20-21)

BAGPIPE RECESSIONAL

SENDING MUSIC

