

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 16, 2022 † 10:00 AM

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

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MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Eoghan McDowell

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## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

#### ♦ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 36:5-10)

God of unfailing love and faithfulness, we gather together to praise you!

**We acknowledge that we are needy people! How precious is God's love to us!**

God of light within our dark world, we gather to honor and revere you!

**We acknowledge that we are often lost! How reassuring is God's light to us!**

God of the fountain of grace, we gather to be nourished and blessed by you!

**We acknowledge that we need cleansing! Flow through us, God of steadfast love, to cleanse and restore us; so that together, we may celebrate your love.**

#### ♦ OPENING HYMN No. 14 (For the Beauty of the Earth)

Verse 1: ***For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:***

Refrain: ***Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

Verse 2: ***For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:*** Refrain

Verse 4: ***For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:*** Refrain

Verse 5: ***For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:*** Refrain

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE No. 406 (We Are Standing on Holy Ground)

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus, our sins are washed away, and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. Believe and now live the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 172 (Blest Are They) (Sung twice)

*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (John 2:1-11)

ANTHEM ("The Wedding Song" by Noel Paul Stookey; Eoghan McDowell, vocalist)

MESSAGE ("Giving That Knows No Ending" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

## 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.*

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on Philippians 2:6-11)

Though Christ Jesus was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name:

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Jan Bellis-Squires, Deacon)  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION ("The State of Valley's Mission in 2021" by Andrea Murdoch)

OFFERTORY ("Every Time I Feel the Spirit" an improvisation on hymn no. 66)  
(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. 666 (O Splendor of God's Glory Bright)

Verse 1: *O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining:*

Verse 2: *Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance form above, and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.*

Verse 3: *O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as clear as morning's ray, with faith like noontide shining bright, our souls unshadowed by the night.*

Verse 4: *O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born; O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our God in you.*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC