

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 5, 2024 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

LEADERS: Rev. Amy Delaney, Elder Amy Dee

LITURGIST: David Marquis

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Kimi Davies, Luke Smith, Eoghan McDowell, Sanctuary Choir, PSU Choir

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Dan Rueff, Jim Sandberg

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)

Sing to God a new song,

for God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

for God is still doing marvelous things!

Break into joyful song!

Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!

Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.

God is coming to judge the world with equity.

Sing to God a new song!

Let us worship God!

♦ OPENING HYMN No. 515 (I Come with Joy)

Verse 1: *I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

Verse 2: *I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*

Verse 3: *As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud diversion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

Verse 4: *The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.*

Verse 5: *Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. We pray in your precious name. Amen.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE No. 250 (In the Bulb There Is a Flower)

Verse 3: *In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Scripture announces that this is a true saying and is to be universally accepted: Christ came into the world to save sinners. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, in Christ you are forgiven. Know this and be at peace. Thanks be to God! The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 591 (Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!)

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (John 15:9-17)

MOMENT FOR MISSION ("PSU Partnership" by Kimi Davies and Thomas Rheingans)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("Reach Down Lord" by Kyle Pederson; sung by the Sanctuary and PSU Choirs)

Reach down Lord, reach your justice down, when we walk on the broken road. If we stumble into the pit, and the dark is all we see, reach below and lift us up; Reach your justice, reach your justice down, when we walk on the broken road, when we walk in the shadow of death, reach below and lift us up.

MESSAGE ("The Call... To Love" by Elder Amy Dee)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 300 (We Are One in the Spirit)

Verse 1: *We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Verse 2: *We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:* Refrain

Verse 3: *We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:* Refrain

Verse 4: *All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:* 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.

PSU CHORAL OFFERTORY (“I Sing Because I’m Happy” arr. Kenneth Paden; adapted by Rollo Dillworth)

◆ 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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS No. 559 (Holy, Holy, Holy) (Eoghan McDowell, vocalist)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Luke Smith, vocalist)

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

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

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION HYMN No. 546 (Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing)

Verse 1: *Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

POSTLUDE