

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 15, 2023 † 10:00 AM

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Kathy Bach

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Kimi Davies, Sanctuary 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

Welcome to this day that the Lord has made!

We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.

Together we are called to be disciples of Jesus.

We are called to live and share the Good News of God's redeeming love.

Come, let us begin again the wondrous journey.

Let us place our lives in God's abiding love.

Let us worship God!

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 299 (You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim)

Verse 1: ***You servants of God, your Master proclaim and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.***

Verse 2: ***Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.***

Verse 3: ***"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.***

Verse 4: ***Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have chosen us for yourself, but we continue to choose false gods in our hearts. You promise to be with us in every moment, but we can find little time for you. You send your Word to us, but we are too busy listening to the noise of our culture to pay attention. Have mercy, Lord, and forgive us. Speak to us, so we might listen, and in hearing be transformed into your people. Fill us with love, so we might give ourselves wholly to others. Enable us to serve you faithfully, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 695 (Change My Heart, O God)

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is our assurance: God forgives us. This is our hope: God's love is everlasting. This is our truth: God is with us always. Let us 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. 729 (Lord, I Want to Be a Christian)

Verse 1: ***Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.***

Verse 2: ***Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.***

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP (Aki Mori, Principal - Raleigh Park Elementary School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("A Repeating Alleluia" by Calvin Hampton)

MESSAGE ("Shaped by the Word" by the Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 451 (Open My Eyes, That I May See)

Verse 1: ***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

Verse 2: ***Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *Heidelberg Catechism*, 4.001)

Our only comfort, in life and death, is that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF RALEIGH PARK VOLUNTEERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Kathy Bach, Deacon)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (found on page 35 of the hymnal)

CHORAL OFFERTORY ("Teach Us Your Ways" music and words by Wardell, Jordan, Palmer, and Zach)

◆ 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. 450 (Be Thou My Vision)

Verse 1: *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Verse 2: *Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

Verse 3: *Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

Verse 4: *High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

◆ BENEDICTION HYMN No. 542 (God Be with You Till We Meet Again)

Verse 1: *God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE