

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 19, 2024 † 10:00 AM

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

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Wendy Archibald

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Kimi Davies, Sanctuary Choir, Intergenerational Bell Choir

VIDEO/SOUND: Roger Rees, Dan Rueff, Dean Bridges

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELEMENTS & BELL INTERLUDE ("Rondeau" arranged by Douglas Wagner)

#### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 147:1, 3-5. 7)

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

**God heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.**

God counts the stars and calls them each by name.

**How great is our God!**

God's power is absolute, and his understanding, beyond comprehension.

**So come, sing out your thanksgiving to God.**

Let us offer to God worship that belongs to God alone!

#### ◆ OPENING HYMN No. 289 (On Pentecost They Gathered)

Verse 1: ***On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.***

Verse 2: ***The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.***

Verse 3: ***God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.***

Verse 4: ***O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.***

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you acknowledging our great need of healing: the healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride and fear and apathy. We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, not even the restoration of the whole world. We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world, so that we will be freed to serve and love as Christ calls us. We pray in the strong name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

Verse 1: ***You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.*** Refrain

#### ◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and receive these words of assurance: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. 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. 276 (Sing a New Song unto the Lord)

***Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah! Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah!***

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING (James 5:13-20)

#### CHORAL ANTHEM ("To the Lamb on the Throne" by Dan Forest)

*Worthy the Lamb, Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. Worthy the Lamb, Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry a loud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have, the great congregation His triumphs shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. Worthy the Lamb. Then let us adore, and give Him His right, all glory and pow'r, all wisdom, might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb!*

#### MESSAGE ("Pray for One Another" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

#### ◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 465 (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

***Verse 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

***Verse 2: Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!***

***Verse 3: Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.***

#### ◆ 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Wendy Archibald, Deacon)

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

CHORAL OFFERTORY ("Who I Want to Be" by Coty Raven Morris)

*I lead with my spirit, keeping love in the circle around me, expressing my spirit, loving what I can see and cannot see. I take care of the vessel I'm in, I love the me that's under this skin, taking care of my mind, envisioning the me I want to be.*

◆ 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

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF QUILTS

GRADUATE BLESSING

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 291 (Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness)

Refrain: *Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

Verse 1: *You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain*

Verse 2: *You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain*

Verse 3: *You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain*

Verse 4: *You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. 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