

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Women
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Worship and Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

March 24, 2019
3rd Sunday in Lent
United Methodist Women 150th Anniversary

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O the Deep Love of Jesus

Williams/Pornquist

OPENING PRAYER

All: Eternal God, we have gathered here in your sanctuary this morning as members of your family to worship you as our Living God. Community-making God, you have called us to be in community with one another. Enable us to center ourselves for renewal in your presence, commitment to your mission, and ministry with the least of these, here and around the world. Equip us with your Holy Spirit to witness to your love and power, healing and reconciliation, nurturance and new life. Inspire us once again to be the tellers of the old, old story in ever new contexts, that Jesus has come so that all may have life, in fact, more than life, Life in its Fullness, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

by Glory E. Dharmaraj

*SINGING

Many Gifts, One Spirit

No. 114

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PREPARING TO PRAY

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

No. 465, v. 1 & 2

All: Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHOIR RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Traditional

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

NT Pg. 106

MESSAGE

Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History

Katherine Mitchell

*SINGING

What Gift Can We Bring

No. 87

During the hymn communion will be offered by intinction to all those who wish to participate. Please follow the Worship Team leaders.

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Fuga

Buxtehude

Jerusalem, Jerusalem! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

—Luke 13.34

Gather me, Mother Christ.

I am your wayward child,

impetuous and free,

defiantly lonesome,

wholly at risk without you.

Never mind my rebelliousness,

my fear of your fierce adoration,

how I disbelieve

how deeply I need your love

and how deeply you give it.

Gather me in, Mother Christ,

with all your little ones,

all of them.

Embrace me, hold me

long and gentle,

for I am tired and afraid

and will run no more.

I am willing.

Gather me in.

Steve Garraas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*, www.unfoldinglight.net

CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE: Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know? Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

Pastor Katherine can always be reached by e-mail (pastorkatherinem@gmail.com) or on her cell phone (401.683.8445).