

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.**

February 24, 2019
7th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

arr. Smith

OPENING PRAYER

All: O God from whom every gift derives, we gather to worship you this day. You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination. You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe you. And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of your vast Love.

We have come to you in thanksgiving and praise, to know that you are God and to place our lives anew into your perspective. Enlarge our vision this hour with your Word. Instill in us, again, your hope in place of our despair, your peace where our hatred threatens, your joy amidst our depression, your love overwhelming our apathy. May your Holy Spirit surround and indwell this congregation now, and forevermore. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

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*SINGING

Gather Us In

FWS No. 2236

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

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

No. 492, v. 1 & 2

All: Prayer is the soul's sincere desire unuttered or expressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear, the upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near.

(Tune of Amazing Grace)

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

Rain Down

Cortez/Carter

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

NT Pg. 64

MESSAGE

The Weak and the Haughty #whoarewe

Katherine Mitchell

*SINGING

O Spirit of the Living God

No. 539

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

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Scott

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

—Psalm 25:7

God does not see you according to your performance,
according to how well you've done.
God sees you with pure love,
with perfect compassion.

Throw away the dirty rags of your sin.
Dry the tears of your shame.
There is only delight.
There is only blessing.

Behold that love.
Receive that compassion.
Rest in that embrace.
Let it become you.

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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)
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