

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.**

March 31, 2019
4th Sunday in Lent

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH and WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Success is born out of faith, an undying passion and a relentless drive.

Stephen Curry

PRELUDE

According to Thy Gracious Word

Martin

OPENING PRAYER

All: Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in a trinity of ways: as our powerful Creator, our dying Savior, and our comforting Spirit. But we also know you as a loving parent; a risen Lord; and a dynamic breath of fresh air. We're never really sure of how you are able to be all these things to us, but you are. And we praise you. You are an awesome God, limited only by our ability to understand. Inhabit our worship this hour. Teach us the grace of placing our limitations within the wonder of your unlimited hands. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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*SINGING

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

FWS No. 2042

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

**All who are able, please stand.*

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

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Pethel

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 2:1-26

The Message

MESSAGE

Filters

Katherine Mitchell

*SINGING

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

No. 357, v. 1, 3-6

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Neal/Elvey

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).

If we had died with him

*If we have died with him
we will also live with him.*

— 2 Timothy 2.11

Give it all away: your stuff, your blessings, your good will, your love, goodness yes, your love. Give away yourself. Give away your best things, your favorite things. Don't hold back. Pour it on, dump it out, throw it all into people's laps. Let everything good flow like a spring from you, a river, all of it—though it multiplies as you surrender it. Spend it, lose it, neglect it, waste it— waste it on the least deserving, the least understanding, the least aware. Don't calculate, as if you have to budget. Ridiculously extravagant, fearlessly, recklessly, giddily generous, mindlessly raid your own savings of grace and abandon it to your neighbors— all your stuff, and God's as well, until you have given away the crumbs of your love, your pictures, your house, your floor, the ground beneath you, everything, even your life until there is nothing left but God, and you will be really alive.

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