

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.**

May 26, 2019
6th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

Bradbury

OPENING PRAYER

All: Lord, make us free... free with eyes not focused upon ourselves; free with ears open to hearing your Word; free with hands reaching out; free with hearts no longer chained by what we possess, but bound, instead, by what we can share. Yes, Lord, make us free... free to worship; free to be extravagant with thankfulness; free to break open the most costly oil upon your feet; free to love as love really is, In Jesus...Amen.

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*SINGING

In Unity We Lift Our Song

FSW No. 2221

A BLESSING

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

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Berthier

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

NT Pg. 136

MESSAGE

Rambunctious, Rebellious Women

Katherine Mitchell

*SINGING

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

Wren

(Tune: May Life Goes On)

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

**All: A prophet-woman broke a jar,
By Love's divine appointing,
With rare perfume she filled the room,
Presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
The sneers of scorn defying,
With rare perfume she filled the room,
Preparing Christ for dying.**

**A faithful woman left a tomb
By Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,**

Arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb,
With resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
Apostle to apostles.

Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
For centuries were hidden,
Unsung, unwritten, and unheard,
Derided and forbidden,
The Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
On free and slave descending,
Can tumble our dividing-walls,
Our shame and sadness mending.

The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
By Love's divine ordaining,
The friends we need, to serve and lead,
Their power and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
From women, men, and children,
The friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Croft/Ellson

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).