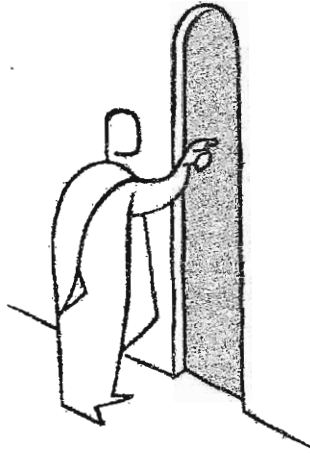


# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship at 9:30 AM

Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 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.**

July 21, 2019  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

**GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Savior Again*

Hopkins  
Dorothy Fassbender, Flautist

OPENING PRAYER

**All: Oh Lord our God, our creator and savior. We owe our life to you. In this world that we live in, a world that is going 1000 miles an hour, it is easy to get so involved in what is thrown at us that we sometimes forget those things that are the most important to us. Dear Jesus, help us to slow down and realize that our family, our friends, and most of all you my Lord, are the most important in our lives. Teach us how to listen and talk to you so that we can become better human beings and a credit to your holy name. Amen.**

Tom Senerchia

\*SINGING

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

No. 172

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

*Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land*

Thornburg/Damon

### **OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

NT Pg. 72

MESSAGE

Will You Let Jesus In?

Tom Senerchia

\*SINGING

*Happy the Home When God Is There*

No. 445

\* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Dykes

**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!

If you need pastoral care while Pastor Katherine is on vacation, please contact Sandy Knapp (860.617.5804) or the Church Office.

## *Sit and Listen*

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*Mary sat at his feet and listened to what he was saying.*

—Luke 10:39

If this were an apple tree,  
pruning past, harvest yet to come,  
you would sit under it,

notice the shade, the bees, sunlight  
mingling through, the tiny fruits  
drinking their futures,

the leaves extending blessing,  
sheltering, offering, present, needing  
no excuses. You would learn from them.

But this is not an apple tree. What, then?  
Find the place that invites listening.  
Be there, and sit.

The Beloved asks no more  
than that you sit near,  
wherever you are.

At the feet of the world,  
the world comes to you  
like bees.

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