

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 28, 2019
7th Sunday of Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

PRELUDE

According to Thy Gracious Word

arr. Martin

OPENING PRAYER

All: God, we come to share in your story! Today we give our hearts, and minds to you. We pray that with your help we will deepen our faith as you continue to transform our hearts as we seek to learn your word. You have always been our perfect teacher and our faithful friend. Come be with us now, inspire us to share the love and forgiveness you gave each of us with ourselves and all who come into our lives. Bring the Holy Spirit here to freely to move among us as we experience your grace. In your loving name we pray. Amen.

Sandy Knapp

*SINGING

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

No. 500

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

The Prayer

video

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

Let Our Earth Be Peaceful

Murray/Young
Rob Bower, Soloist

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11: 1-4, 9-11

NT Pg. 72

MESSAGE

Keep Praying

Sandy Knapp

*SINGING

You Are My All in All

Jernigan (on screen)

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Let Your Light So Shine

Birchwood

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.

Ask

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

—Luke 11:9-10

Faith is not having; it's searching. Faith is not knowing; it's asking.
Faith is not having arrived; it's knocking on the door.

See how often the Teacher praises people's faith knowing nothing of their beliefs or their attitudes, only that they are reaching out. Faith is reaching out.

Certainty doesn't draw us near to God. The lived question does, the open hand, opening ourselves to what flows new each moment.

We are leaves turning toward the sun, lovers longing for our lovers, children calling for mommy, swimmers coming up for breath.

Trusting the Beloved's generosity, deepen your pleading. Let everything you do, every moment, be an opening, a breathing in, an ardent search, a reaching out to God.

Look! The door is opening.