

# 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.**

October 27, 2019  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

**GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

**All: 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

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

FWS No. 2190

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!**

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**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**

*On Eagle's Wings*

No. 143

**All: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

**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**

**OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 18:1-8

NT Pg. 81

**MESSAGE**

God's Justice

Katherine Mitchell

**\*SINGING**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

No. 428

*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**

## *Help Me Today*

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God, help me today  
to love with gusto,  
to forgive with courage,  
to look for your grace,  
to seek presence, not comfort,  
to be grateful in all things,  
to receive you in whatever form you come to me.

Help me today to be who you create me to be,  
not what others desire,  
to trust you in what is difficult,  
to let your love flow through me  
without impediment or hesitation,  
to be present in this life,  
not hankering after one I imagine.

I surrender myself to your love thriving in me,  
love that unites me with all your Beloved,  
with all Creation, with you:  
for even though I am not fully aware  
I am fully yours,  
and I give you my thanks;  
I give you my life.  
Amen.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes, [unfoldinglight.net](http://unfoldinglight.net)

**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!

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