

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.**

September 29, 2019
16th Sunday of Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH and WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

You learn more from failure than from success.

PRELUDE

Let Your Light So Shine

Birchwood

OPENING PRAYER

One: We gather to worship together,

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all children of the same Parent,

All: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

One: We gather to reconnect with one another,

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

All: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us. Amen!

By Rev. Leslie Penrose, United Church of Christ

*SINGING

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

No. 133

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

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

FWS No. 2119

All: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace; where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love. There is comfort in life's darkest hour; there is light and life, there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

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

Come, Holy Spirit

Thornbury/Marshall

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

The Message

MESSAGE

I Forgive You

Katherine Mitchell

***SINGING**

God, How Can We Forgive

FWS No. 2169

*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

Neal/Elvey

To Forgive

To forgive you will pass through the sea.

You will leave much behind:
what is owed, obligations,
the heavy chains of your master anger.
Just leave them.

You will be tempted to turn back and fight
but that is the slavery you are escaping,
the lie of superior and inferior,
the cruel economy of deserving.
It is a lie. Walk away from it.

You will be afraid of being overtaken
and hurt again
but God's mystery will protect you.

Go, on foot, through the wounded sea,
your tears a wall on your left and on your right.

Take only your love with you.
You will find yourself on the far shore
unburdened, free,
in the wilderness of love,
never needing to go back.

You will do this
seven times seventy times.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes, 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!

Pastor Katherine can always be reached by e-mail (pastorkatherinem@gmail.com)
or on her cell phone (401.683.8445).