

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.**

January 19, 2020
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

Savior Again

Hopkins

OPENING PRAYER

All: Creator of beloved community, Thank you for gathering us together on this Human Relations Day. Open our ears to the instructions of your prophets. Open our eyes to needs of your people. Open our hearts to one another in Christian love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

*SINGING

We Are Called

FWS No. 2172

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today with a new song in our mouth.

All: A song of freedom and relationship.

One: We gather today with feet set on solid rock.

All: A rock of justice and peace.

One: We gather today to praise God for wondrous deeds.

All: We delight to do God's will, with God's law within our hearts.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

VIDEO PRESENTATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

**All who are able, please stand.*

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 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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

FWS No. 2193

All: Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Watts

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

NT Pg. 165

MESSAGE

God's Love in Action

Sandy Knapp

*SINGING

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

No. 581

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Father Almighty, Bless Us with Thy Blessing

Flemming

God, Help Me Today

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

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).