

# 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.**

November 24, 2019  
Christ the King Sunday

**GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH and WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

*Prepare Ye*

*Godspell/Schwartz*  
Dorothy Fassbender, Flute Solo

OPENING PRAYER

**All: O God, we trust in your power to create, to sustain, to enable. But we could not trust if we did not know that you are always near. Be with us, Lord, as we are gathered here to worship you. Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door, but enable us to bring all that we are to you, so that we might experience your touch upon all aspects of our life. We pray this because of, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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\*SINGING

*Spirit Song*

No. 347

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 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.**

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

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

*Lord, Speak to Me*

Havergal

### OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:22-34

*The Message*

MESSAGE

A Message from Clarice

\*SINGING

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

No. 560

*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

*Praeludium*

Bach

**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](mailto:pastorkatherinem@gmail.com)) or on her cell phone (401.683.8445).

## *Children of Resurrection*

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They are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

—Luke 20.36

Resurrection is not just the afterlife.  
It's the new life God gives us  
when we hand our old one over to God.  
It can happen any time.

The old life we hand over is limited  
to the space inside our body.  
But the new one is not so limited:  
we are no longer separate individuals,  
but rejoined with our wholeness;  
no longer belonging to one  
but belonging to all;  
no longer strangers but siblings.

Giving our life to God  
(over and over again)  
we are angels who have died  
and gone to heaven,  
who inhabit the universe,  
who love all as if married to all.

The life you hand over is small;  
the life you receive is infinite:  
“eternal,”—not infinitely long  
(you don't even like long meetings,  
let alone living millions of years)  
but infinitely deep and wide.  
The infinite dimension of eternal life  
is not time, it's love.

Children of resurrection,  
we let ourselves love and be loved  
infinitely.  
It starts now.