

# 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.

February 23, 2020  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Bradbury

OPENING PRAYER

**All: Most Gracious God, hallowed be your name, help us to honor your name in what we say and what we do, this hour in our worship, this week in our work. May your gracious presence surround us this day, so that obedience to your Word becomes a joy rather than a burden. May the depth of your Grace, the width of your Love, the height of your Joy, inspire us, here and now, to more fully be your people, folks known not by forced friendliness, but by gracious goodwill. We look to you for this, God, because, on our own, we are tempted to be just the opposite. Empower us with your Spirit, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.**

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\*SINGING

*God of Love and God of Power*

No. 578

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!**

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

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

*That All May Know*

Switzer/Paris

**OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-2, 5

*The Message*

MESSAGE

Just As You Are

Katherine Mitchell

\*SINGING

*He Who Began a Good Work in You*

FWS No. 2163

*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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Kocher

## ***Inner and Outer***

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*The first son said, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went.  
The second said, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go.  
Which of the two did the will of his father?*

Matthew 21.28-31

They are not two, of course. I am both.

God, help me root deeply in you,  
and let the sap of your grace flow through me,  
that my outer self may grow organically  
out of my inner self, the two selves one,  
my actions in humble harmony with my inner truth.  
Free me from pretense and the fear of appearances.  
May my prayers give form to words and deeds,  
my flesh obey my spirit,  
both flowing from your love.

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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