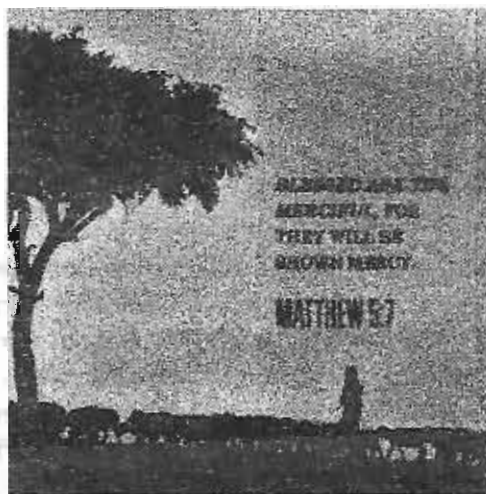


# Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church

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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.

March 8, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

## GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

*Faith of Our Fathers*

Hemy/Inman

OPENING PRAYER

**All: Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back, such that we might truly see what is really real. Help us to recognize our sin for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light which is the light of all people. Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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\*SINGING

*The Summons*

FWS No. 2130

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

*Let Our Earth Be Peaceful*

Murray/Young

## OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-2, 7

*The Message*

## MESSAGE

Blessed are the Merciful, for They Will Receive Mercy

Katherine Mitchell

## \*SINGING

We Are Called

FWS No. 2170

*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

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

arr. Ellson

## *Eight Blessings*

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Blessed are you who don't have it:  
I give you my whole world.

Blessed are you who are broken:  
I hold you close.

Blessed you who are gentle:  
my love in you will conquer the world.

Blessed are you who yearn deeply for more:  
here it is.

Blessed are you who practice mercy:  
my mercy flows through you.

Blessed are you who love no matter what:  
you will always know my presence.

Blessed are you who do not pass hurt on to others:  
beloved child, that's when you are most like me.

Blessed are you whom the world scorns:  
I am right there with you.

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!

Pastor Katherine can always be reached by e-mail ([pastorkatherinem@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkatherinem@gmail.com))  
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