

January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDES

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks
Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*

*Tom Birchwood
David Paxton*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #399

God Welcomes All
**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Themba Amen

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, and sing, all you people,

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, all the earth.

L: For God, for God alone my soul waits in silence.

P: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord, who cares for us always.

All: Let us worship God.

***WELCOMING SONG #336**

*We Gather Together
(verse 1)*

Kremser

***We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens
his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from
distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.***

(verse 2)

***Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!***

(verse 3)

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our
defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be
ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Isaiah 43)

L: When we pass through deep waters, or go through times of trial, the Lord
our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let
us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, creator and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, refusing to bear the burden of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we might choose your will and follow your way; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Isaiah 43)

L: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE #698

Take, O Take Me as I Am *Take Me as I Am*
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. John Wahl

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us – as we read this holy Word – so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 42:1-3, 9-11

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

⁹ I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?” ¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?” ¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

People Need the Lord
Clarinet Solo: Don Sullivan

McHugh/Nelson
arr. by Marsh

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – John 4:5-26 (Common English Bible)

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." ⁸ His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

⁹ The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.) ¹⁰ Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water?" ¹² You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!" ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, get your husband, and come back here." ¹⁷ The woman replied, "I don't have a husband." "You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus answered. ¹⁸ "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth." ¹⁹ The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. ²⁴ God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you."

SERMON

"Meeting at the Well"

Rev. John Wahl

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Andante in G Minor Edmund Horace Fellowes

DOXOLOGY #643

*Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket Alle Gott
(verse 3)*

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION / INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***SENDING SONG #69** *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky* *Here I Am (Schutte)*
(verse 1)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(verse 2)

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

(verse 3)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(refrain)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praising the Almighty

Edward Broughton

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

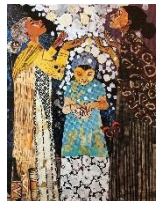
Health and Safety Protocols

With the return to in-person worship services, we ask you to follow these guidelines:

- Windows may be open or fans turned on to provide appropriate air circulation.
- Face coverings are recommended when inside the church building.
 - Socially distance as able in the pews and sanctuary.
 - If you are not feeling well today, please stay home.
- At this time, we will not be passing the peace, the offering plate, or holding hands for the benediction at the close of the service.
- After the worship service has concluded, we ask that you move outside for any extended conversations.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Any changes to these protocols will be shared in advance of Sunday gatherings.

Sarah Circle



Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 8, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., in the Church library. We will be studying: Lesson 6, "Bathsheba" and Lesson 7, "Mary", in "*What My Grandmothers Taught Me*". All Valley women are welcome to join us for fellowship and discussion.

Annual Meeting Today

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Valley Presbyterian Church will be held today, January 30 at noon, for the purposes of electing Elders, Deacons, and members of the nominating committee; approving terms of call; and any other necessary business. Please plan to attend, if you are able. The Annual Report is available in the Narthex.

CFPCC Food Bank Needs – Taco Tuesday

Helyne Walker is putting together a Taco Tuesday bag for each of the families in the Chagrin Falls Park Community, and she will be distributing them on Tuesday, February 15th. Please consider donating the following items to the Community Center through February 14th:



Soft taco shells, hard taco shells, mild salsa, taco sauce, canned black beans, seasoning packet for taco meat.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Blankets+ and Valentines



Flowers and candy make lovely Valentine's gifts to show people we care about them. We can show people that we don't even know that we care. Here and around the world people are in need due to natural disasters, displacement, and other emergencies.

- Blankets+ is a special mission opportunity to assist people in need:
- Blankets+ provides blankets, tents, and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster;
 - Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to plant their fields;
 - Wells to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens;
 - Literacy training and microcredit for those struggling to feed their families.

Help be the plus in Blankets+. Through our contributions we can make this ministry of hope a reality for people in need. Please consider a generous contribution to CWS Blankets+ to give a special Valentine to the world. Envelopes and flyers are available on the Narthex table. Please make checks out to VPC, and note that it is for "Blankets+". Thank you.

In Christ's service,
Mission Commission

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir of Valley will be starting their rehearsals for 2022 on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft. Thank you for your understanding with the delay in January and hope to see you all on the 3rd of February at 7!!!

Community Meal – February 15

This month, we will, again, be preparing dinners to be available for pick-up or delivery. These meals are our gift to the community: to anyone who is in need of the food or the love that goes into making it.

**The menu for the February 15th meal is:
chicken divan, rice, green salad, rolls, chocolate cake**

If you are interested in helping, we will be cooking meals from 9-11 a.m.; assembling from 3-4 p.m., and distributing / delivering from 4-6 p.m. In addition, if you would like to bake a chocolate cake at home, it can be delivered by 10 a.m. on February 15th.

Sign up on the church website for the meal or to volunteer.

Moe's Southwest Grille HOV Fundraiser

Welcome to Moe's! HOV will be doing a Moe's Southwest Grille taco dinner night (ready for pick-up in the church parking lot) on Thursday, February 24th.

Orders can be placed on-line:

<https://form.jotform.com/210144175392147>

or

call the preschool office, and we will order for you—440-708-2572.

Dinner kits feed 4-6 people, and the cost is \$36.99.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, February 18

(10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, February 19

(10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

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