

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church Worship Series



Order of Worship for Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:30 am on Sundays on the Valley of Peace Facebook Page

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of mystery,

You called Ananias by name, and he responded,

“Here I am.”

You called Paul to the work of your church, and he responded

By giving his life to your Word.

Similarly, you call us into community and faith,

So we respond with love and time, energy and hope.

We respond with worship.

Let us worship the God of transformation and grace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life,

What would we give to have you appear with a flash of light and a clear voice like you did for Saul?

Maybe then, our doubts would disappear.

Maybe then, we would live as you called us to live.

However, when our lives depend on faith, we forget your surprising grace.

Instead, we draw lines around enemies and friends, who’s in and who’s out.

We see the “other,” faster than we see our “neighbor,” and refuse second chances.

Pull the scales from our eyes.

Help us see as you see. Help us live as you live, and forgive us when we fail to.

Humbly we pray,

Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of unending surprises,

this life is a tapestry of moments woven together, and we long to be weavers of love.

Today we gather and pray that you would unravel our bias.
Unravel our assumptions.
Unravel whatever it is that keeps us from you.
And as you do, clear space in our hearts for your Word.
We are listening. We are praying.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You break in, O God, on the road. You break in, O God, exactly the way we do not believe. You break in, O God, and change everything. God, break in again and call us to be your workers. God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build your realm. God, break in again and change our world once more. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:1-20

SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition please respond to 'Lord in your mercy' with 'Hear our prayer.'

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING PAUSE

There are a variety of gifts and we give thanks for all of the gifts God has first given and the gifts that all people steward to the ministry of Valley of Peace. If you are able to give a financial gift you are encouraged to do so electronically. You can visit www.valleyofpeace.org and instructions to give online are on the right side of the homepage. You can also text 763-402-9174 and in the compose box put the amount you want to give (20 for \$20). You will then receive a prompt to complete the transaction. Thank you.

BLESSING

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

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