# VII. Communion

Bread HYMN 605a O God, Thou Faithful God

Wine HYMN 605b O God, Thou Faithful God

# VIII. Commission

**HYMN - Doxology** Congregation is invited to raise hands

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### Blessing and Commission

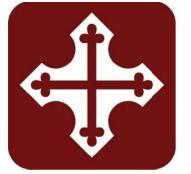
### Prayer Requests

If you would like prayer for something, please mention it to an Elder. Here are a few items that you may wish to lift up this week:

- » LC Christian School, Life Choices, and Union Gospel Mission
- » The suffering in mind, body, and spirit
- » Our wayward loved ones
- » Expectant mothers and their children
- » Our sister churches and our denomination
- » Our civil government and church government
- » Wisdom with fellowship & facilities
- » Persecuted Christians

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# valley covenant CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024

**Sermon Text** Today: Romans 16:1-24 Next Week: Romans 16:17-27

**Coming Up . . .** » Completing Romans » Family Series

#### **Church Fellowship**

- » Parish Discipleship Groups
- » Women's Weekly Fellowship» Men's Monthly Discussion
- » After-Church Potluck
- » Host a Family Volunteer List

For details visit: valleycovenantchurch.org

#### May I take Communion?

We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders before or after the service.

#### New Here?

Welcome! We are glad to have you worship with us. We follow a liturgy pattern know as covenant-renewal worship. Each week, we join together in a Call to Worship, a Confession of Sin, a Study of the Word, Communion, and a Commission. Inside this Bulletin, you will find responsive readings and song information. You are encouraged to join us in reading and singing.

Don't forget to grab a hymnal!

*Children:* We love the noise of children worshipping alongside us. If you or your child need some time, there are classrooms on the West side of the building.

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*Restrooms:* Located off the Northwest hallway.

*After Service:* Stick around and join us for snacks and coffee.

# I. Call To Worship

The congregation will read what is in bold print.

(From Psalm 145)

Come, let us exalt our God the king and let us bless His name forevermore.

Every day we will bless Him, and praise His name forevermore.

Great is the Lord and highly praised, and His greatness cannot be fathomed.

Let one generation extol His deeds to the next, and tell of His mighty acts.

Gracious and merciful is the Lord, slow to anger, great in kindness.

Good is the Lord to all, and His mercy is over all His creatures.

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who are in awe of Him.

He will hear their cry and save them.

The Lord guards all who love him.

Let our mouths speak forth the Lord's praise, and let all flesh bless His name forevermore, Amen. Reading of Psalm 84

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Prayer of Praise

HYMN 259 How Lovely, Lord of Hosts, to Me

## II. Confession of Sins

(You are invited to sit while an exhortation is given, and to join in kneeling, as you are able, during the confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Your sins are forgiven through Christ!

Thanks be to God!

## III. Confession of Faith

(The Apostles Creed)

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin, Mary; He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into Hades; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN 410** Blessed the Man That Fears Jehovah

# IV. Scripture readings

*Old Testament:* Isaiah 43:1-7 *Gospel:* John 10:1-5 *Epistle:* 3 John 13-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## V. Church Prayer

HYMN 551 All Creatures of Our God and King

VI. Sermon Message Romans 16:1-24 *Final Greetings* 

#### HYMN 693

Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose (Please stand)

The Lord's Prayer

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.