



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 10, 2021—9:00 a.m.

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

* means please stand as you are able
bold words are your part; regular print is the leader

Prelude

The Lord's My Shepherd
Aria Tranquillo
Three Joyous Organ Verses

arr. by Simone
Vivaldi
Zipoli

Welcome

*Call to Worship

"How much is it worth to you?"
"What would you do for this?"
Life asks us to make deals, day after day.
"I'll do this if you'll take care of that."
"Have I got a deal for you!"
Deals get made every day.

“Sign on the dotted line.”

“You get what you pay for.”

We wonder, did we get a good deal?

“Jesus, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“God, spare my life and I’ll do whatever you ask.”

We’ve even tried to make deals with God.

Would we revere God if we didn’t expect blessings?

Would we honor God if everything was taken from us?

*Opening Hymn

Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be your name
in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name
when I’m found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness;
blessed be your name.

Pre-Chorus Ev’ry blessing you pour out
I’ll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say:

Chorus “Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name.”

2. Blessed be your name
when the sun’s shining down on me,
when the world’s “all as it should be,”
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering;
though there’s pain in the offering,
blessed be your name. *Pre-Chorus / Chorus*

Bridge You give and take away;
you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
“Lord, blessed be your name.” *Chorus*

*Opening Prayer **God, sometimes we wonder, What's the deal?
Bad things happen to good people, even to us.
Sometimes all we can do
is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven,
and scream out loud, Why?
Meet us in our suffering, and in our crying out.
Meet us here, and through your word,
and through your son Jesus,
who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

adapted from *Feasting on the Word* Worship Companion (2015), 191

*Peace The peace of Christ is with you.
And also with you.

Time with Children

Anthem *Nobody Knows the Trouble I See* Valley Choir

Scripture Reading Excerpts from Job 1-2

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message THE DEAL (We Think) We Make with God

Call to Prayer *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* (FWS 2129), stanzas 1 & 3

1-I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus
no turning back, no turning back.

3-Though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow
no turning back, no turning back.

Time of Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Time of Witness

What is the deal you're making with God?

Time of Offering

**We present these gifts, O God,
not because of anything we think you've promised us
in return
but in the confidence that healing, hope and wholeness
will flourish through them
and because of them. Amen.**

Worship & Song Leader's Edition (2011), 107, adapted

*Closing Hymn

We'll Understand It Better By and By (UMH 525), stanzas 1, 3-4

1-We are tossed and driven on the restless sea of time;
somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by (by and by)

3-Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand
all the ways that God would lead us to that blessed promised
land;
but he guides us with his eye, and we'll follow till we die,
for we'll understand it better by and by. *Refrain*

4-Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless work or deed;
and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,
but we'll understand it better by and by. *Refrain*

*Benediction

Postlude

O That Will Be Joyful!

arr.by Spong

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar: Week of October 10 – October 17

TODAY, October 10	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	1:00 p.m.	Grace Kvidera Baby Shower
	1:30 p.m.	Hunger Hike
	5:00 p.m.	Charge Conference-Walnut Hills UMC
Tuesday, October 12	6:30 p.m.	Read With
Wednesday, October 13	1:00 p.m.	Choir
	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Thursday, October 14	2:00 p.m.	Antiracism Group
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
Sunday, October 17	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	11:45 p.m.	Valley Conversations
	2:00 p.m.	Sanctuary in Use (Templeman)

Please note: The church office will be closed on Monday, October 18.

Youth Group Events:

- **Des Moines Area Hunger Hike:** The tradition continues with our Valley UMC youth participating in the DM Area Hunger Hike today at 1:30 p.m. at the World Food Prize. Please click [here](#) to donate.
- **Reggie’s Sleepout:** You may still make a donation, visit the Reggie’s Sleep Out [website](#) and search for VUMC Youth Group.

Or you make your check payable to Valley UMC, just mark “Reggie’s” or “Hunger Hike” on your check.

Baby Shower for Grace Kvidera: Everyone is invited to an all church baby shower for Grace today, from 1-3:00 p.m. Grace and Skyler are celebrating the upcoming birth of their baby boy, Jax. Grace is registered at Amazon and Target. Please RSVP to Carol Jones at 515-707-2937 or gtaclw@msn.com.

Charge Conference set for Valley UMC: Sunday, October 10 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Walnut Hills UMC. This is our church’s annual business meeting, led by our district superintendent. It’s also an opportunity to get acquainted with the other churches in our newly formed “circuit.” All members of the church are welcome.

Valley Conversations: We really are going to gather and have some important conversations. We'll talk about Valley and our shared history, and we'll consider the future we're creating together. We'll notice where there's energy and a sense of purpose. We'll consider what's coming up through that prayer we've been challenged to pray: Lord, what would you do through me? through us, for just this time and place?

Here are times and dates I'm proposing. Pick *at least* one, or more than one!

Sunday, October 17—11:45-1:00 pm
Thursday, October 21—6:30-7:45 pm
Sunday, October 24—4:00-5:15 pm
Tuesday, October 26—12:30-1:45 pm

You saw what I said there, right? ***Pick at least one.*** Whatever God is calling us to do as a church, it surely *includes* talking among ourselves. Let's begin there.

It will be helpful, but not required, if you'd RSVP with when you plan to attend. You can sign up at this [link](#) or contact Sheila in the office and she'll help you. All meeting times are in person at the church. If none of these times work, let us know some that might!

Church World Service Blankets: Help people around the world recover from disaster by purchasing a blanket for \$10. Our goal is 150 blankets! Mark "blankets" in the memo line of your check.

Fall Tailgate Party: Mark your calendars for October 23 for a parking lot tailgate party. Watch for more information coming soon.

West Des Moines Human Services Need of the Month: October: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss