



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 21, 2021—9:00 a.m.

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

* means please stand as you are able

bold words are your part; regular print is the leader

Prelude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	arr. by Oley
	<i>Sarabande</i>	Couperin
	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	arr. by Koury

Welcome

*Call to Worship Christ came to be with us
 and we have called him our king.
Jesus called us to be his people
 and we have seen in him
 our king of kings, and our lord of lords.
Christ was born into our midst as one of us
 and we have become his people.

adapted from *Abingdon Worship Annual 2012*, 270

*Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns (UMH 327)

1-Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2-Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

3-Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4-Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

*Opening Prayer

**With thankful hearts we pause this day
to be reminded of our grandest hope:
that the calamities, the demands,
even the blessings of this world
do not have the last word.**

**You are the one who was and is,
and who is yet to come—
a ruler of a different kind.**

**Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge,
and the mystery of this good news.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness,
we pray. Amen.**

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*Peace

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

Time with Children

Special Music

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (Bell Choir)

Gospel Reading John 18.33-37

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

Message What We're Born For

Call to Prayer *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (UMH 184)

1-Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he
of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

2-O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

3-Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore. Amen.

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.**

Making Connections

What words reflect your highest picture of who Jesus is? How does the title "king" shape or challenge your understanding?
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A Reflection on Giving—Deb Stensrud

Time of Offering **We present these gifts, O God,
in the confidence that healing, hope and wholeness
will flourish through them
and because of them,
according to your will and your kingdom. Amen.**

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

*Closing Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God (UMH 102)*

1-Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2-O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3-All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Benediction

Postlude

Alleluia!

Mozart

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar: Week of November 21 – November 28

TODAY, November 21	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream Consecration Sunday
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages Bake Sale, Hanging of the Greens, Lunch
Tuesday, November 23	10:30 a.m.	Antiracism Group (Zoom)
	6:30 p.m.	Valley Reads
	4:00 p.m.	Valley Conversation (Zoom)
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday, November 24	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday, November 25		Thanksgiving Day
	6:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving at the Fire Pit
Friday, November 26		Church Office Closed
Sunday, November 28	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream First Sunday in Advent No K-6 Sunday School

Advent at Home Packets: Pick up your **Advent packet**, with an Advent calendar and magnet, a daily devotional (if you want one), and a small treat. *Packets will be here for you to pick up after Sunday* if you miss out that day, and then we'll mail or deliver around 11/28 to those who don't get theirs.

Thanksgiving at the Firepit: **Thursday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m.** As our day of feasting and football winds down, let's gather in the dusk of evening for a short time of thanksgiving, in community with old and new friends. We'll light the fire pit (near the wooden cross) and lift up some thanksgiving prayers. Dress for the weather! What are you thankful for?

CAT Coming Soon! No, we aren't adopting a Valley cat here at the church! But we'll be talking about the CAT for a few weeks. It's a survey—the Congregational Assessment Tool—that our Church Council selected this week as our next step toward discerning Valley's future. The CAT is a survey that you'll each have the opportunity to complete, starting right after Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for more details!

Church World Service Blankets: Thank you—we surpassed our goal and purchased **158** blankets!