



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Human Relations Day

* means please stand as you are able

bold words are your part; regular print is the leader

Gathering Music

My Comfort By Day, My Song in the Night
We Follow the Star
Allegro, from Sonata in E

Martin
Paxton
Reinagle

Welcome

*Call to Worship

There are many gifts, but one Spirit.
There are many services, but one Lord.
We offer our gifts in the service of the living Christ.
We offer our gifts to the service of others
and to the delight of the living God.

Abingdon Worship Annual 2013, 20

*Opening Hymn

Many Gifts, One Spirit (UMH 114)

1-God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
when we fear the future,
give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain-Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise one Giver,
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

2-God of many colors,
God of many signs,
you have made us different,
blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear. *Refrain*

3-Freshness of the morning,
newness of each night,
you are still creating
endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart. *Refrain*

*Opening Prayer

**Enlivening God,
each morning we are awakened by your goodness
nudging the earth to life.
We are filled with wonder.
Your steadfast love extends to the sky;
your constancy reaches to the clouds.
It shines like the dawn,
and waters the desolate places in our souls.
Manifest in us the gifts of your Spirit
that we may rejoice in you
as we delight in serving your world,
today and always. Amen.**

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, vol. 1, 53-54, adapted

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

Time with Children

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

Message Enspirited: For the Common Good

Call to Prayer *Spirit of the Living God* (UMH 393)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

How have you seen different gifts given to different people, including you? How can we use them for the common good?

Time of Offering

God of Fire, we have been illumined by the glory of your presence and enlightened by the word of your grace. We see and have become radiant with your love. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts for service in the world. May we be beacons of love and justice, shining your light on those who are hurting, those experiencing oppression and violence, and all living in dark places in need of your light. Amen.

Tirabassi, Before the Amen (2007), 15, adapted

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory (UMH 577)

1-God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2-Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3-Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4-Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Benediction

Postlude

Companions, Let Us Sing Joyfully

Pyrenees Carol

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar: Week of January 16 – January 23

Today, January 16

		Human Relations Day
	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages

Tuesday, January 18

		Valley Views Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council

Wednesday, January 19

	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
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Thursday, January 20

	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Thursday Exhale

Sunday, January 23

	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	1:30 p.m.	CAT Presentation for leaders

Serving us today: Bob and Dawsyn Schulte, Ushers; Clare DeBoef, Song Leader; Kim Tyrrell, Nursery attendant; Jaci Starr Himes and Zeke Vega, Tech team; Nathan Henn, Livestream Greeter.

Please note, we have no volunteers for coffee this week or next and with COVID numbers on the rise, we will be suspending fellowship time for now.

Thursday EXHALE: Our new worshipful gathering continues this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the front of the sanctuary. We'll gather in a circle for an hour that includes a little singing, a bit of Scripture, some good questions, and connection with one another. All are welcome to this gentle, holy time in community.

February Valley View Deadline: It's that time again for articles, pictures and calendar dates for the February Valley Views! Please submit by **Tuesday, January 18**. Contact the church office office@valleyumc.org if you have questions.

A HUGE Thanks: We're so grateful for the many folks who have showed up to offer help for some big projects over the last week. Un-Hanging the Greens, last Saturday. Re-setting the sanctuary, last weekend. Storing some of the unneeded pew chairs, last evening. It's too many names to list, but you know who you are. When things need to happen, Valley shows up! You rock!

Choir on a Break: With the current COVID numbers, our adult choir has decided to take a break until at least February 2, when we'll reconsider where things are. We're grateful for Clare DeBoef who agreed to step in to lead this group, pending our hiring of a choir director. We'll be back soon, but it seems wise to take this pause.

Share What You Can: A reminder to start purchasing the daily items listed on our calendar and put in a bag. Bring the bag to church each Sunday and leave it on the designated table. (You can also bring to the church Mon-Thurs 9am – 3pm and leave inside the lower doors.) It has been shared with the Missions Team that some foods are more useful than others. Favorites are: cans of chili, tuna, chicken, tomatoes and chunky soups. Also needed for complete meals are: rice, pasta, oatmeal and flour tortillas that can substitute for bread and have a longer shelf life. At the end of the month, we will deliver all the items to DMARC. Gifts of cash allows DMARC to purchase more than we can with the same amount of money, so cash is always good to consider. That way you don't have to carry heavy things into the church. ***Please "Share What You Can" to help fill the pantries!***