



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

Gathering Music

Adagio
Allegro in F
Largo Cantando

Albinoni
Handel
Pugnani

Welcome

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship and remember
that we are all members of one body in your Spirit.
**Together, we drink of the one Spirit,
and share in the same love that makes us one.**
You remind us that, when one of your creatures suffers,
all of creation suffers.
**Guide us to care for each member of this one body
as tenderly as we would cradle a newborn.**
Renew us as we recall our connectedness in one body,
one family of our heavenly creator.

Abingdon Worship Annual 2022, 24-25, adapted

*Opening Hymn

In Unity We Lift Our Song (FWS 2221), stanzas 1-2, 4

1-In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for brother's brave and sisters strong.
What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
who've shared with us our plight,
who've held us into the night,
the blessed congregation.

2-For stories told and told again to every generation,
to give us strength in times of pain,
to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home
and evil seasons come;
how firm is our foundation.

4-For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast
whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone
and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.

*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 oneness you intend
as a gift 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 12.12-26

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message Enspirited: One Body

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 does it make a difference to you that we are part of one body, as members of the church? When you look at the church, do you see one body? Why or why not?

Time of Offering

**Holy Word, Holy Breath, Holy Maker of all,
with gratitude for making us one body,
we share our gifts with one another
and with the world. Amen.**

Abingdon Worship Annual 2022, 26

Closing Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (UMH 557)

1-Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2-Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3-We share each other's woes;
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4-When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Benediction

Postlude

Lord of All Power and Might

Smith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar: Week of January 23 – January 30

Today, 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 Valley UMC leaders
Monday, January 24	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday, January 25	10:30 a.m.	Anti-Racism Group
Wednesday, January 26	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Gifts-Zoom
Thursday, January 27	7:00 p.m.	Thursday Exhale
Saturday, January 29	10:00 a.m.	WE Team-Sacristy Clean out
Sunday, January 30	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	4:00 p.m.	Spiritual Gifts-In person and Zoom

Serving us today: Sherry Robinson and Harold Templeman, Ushers; Charles Schott, Song Leader; Kim Tyrrell and Jaden Vega, Nursery attendants; Emory and Teresa Cleveland, Tech team; Jaci Vega, Livestream Greeter.

****Please note, we will be suspending fellowship time for now****

Spiritual Gifts Assessment: Following up on her message last Sunday, Pastor Lee wanted to [share this link to an online spiritual gifts assessment](#), through the UMC's Discipleship Resources. It has 80 questions that you complete in one session, and then it will give you a brief summary of your results, based on the gifts the apostle Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, which we read in worship this weekend. Pastor Lee will lead a discussion based on this assessment next **Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom and again on **Sunday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m.**, in a hybrid meeting open to in-person or Zoom participants. (Pick one or the other; you don't need to attend both times!) Please contact Pastor Lee (pastorlee@valleyumc.org) or the church office to RSVP and to receive the Zoom link for either session. Participants are asked to complete the assessment before the meeting.

Thursday EXHALE: Our new worshipful gathering continues this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the front of the sanctuary. It's cold outside but it will be warm and welcoming inside, as we gather in a circle for 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.

A road trip on February 6! Women at the Well will celebrate its 15th anniversary on **Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m.** at Ames Collegiate/Wesley Foundation UMC. We've been a partner

congregation with this church-inside-a-prison for many years, and Pastor Lee served there for nine years before coming to Valley. She'll be making the trip up to Ames that day and would welcome others to ride along or to join in the celebration there. (The service will also be livestreamed if you want to join online.) Be in touch with Pastor Lee to make plans for that afternoon!

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!***