



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Thank you for joining in this worship service! We hope you will enter in the spirit of worship from wherever you are, and whenever you join. We'll follow this order of worship. You'll have to decide whether to stand () and sit when invited! If you're joining in real time, you can add your comments and/or prayer requests in the comments on our livestream [at this link](#). Words in **bold** print are read together. Words from our United Methodist Hymnal (UMH), The Faith We Sing songbook (FWS) and other sources will appear on screen. We're so glad you're here!*

Gathering Music *Allegretto Antigua*
Little Fugue in F
Rise and Yet Arise!

Koury
Telemann
Martin

Welcome

*Land Acknowledgment

*Call to Worship Christ the Lord is risen today! **Alleluia!**
As I stand upon the Earth,
 Response: I know that I am part of a Circle.
As I drink water from a cup, **R**
As I harvest from a garden, **R**
As I gather from a berry bush, **R**
As I hunt and look into the eyes of the deer, **R**
With each breath I take, with each day I live, **R**
Laughter and tears mingle to remind us that
we are all part of a Circle.
 That Circle is the Earth. That Circle is the People.
 That Circle is Life.
Christ the Lord is Risen today! **Alleluia!**

Rev. Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett, United Methodist Women's
2008-2009 mission study on Native American Survival

*Opening Hymn *Many and Great, O God* (UMH 148)

1-Many and great, O God, are thy things,
Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey thy voice.

2-Grant unto us communion with thee,
thou star abiding one;
come unto us and dwell with us;
with thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with thee.

*Opening Prayer **May all I say and all I think
be in harmony with thee,
God within me, God beyond me,
maker of the trees.**

Chinook Prayer, Pacific Northwest Coast, via resourceumc.org

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

Time with Children

Anthem *I'm Gonna Sing* (arr. Don Besig)

Choir

Scripture Reading Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

Message Where We Did Not Mean to Go

Call to Prayer *Holy Ground* (FWS 2272)

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The New Zealand Book of Prayer, He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

Making Connections

Where has your faith taken you that you didn't choose? When have you seen God at work in ways you didn't expect? What would it take to trust enough to let God lead?
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Time of Offering

Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH 94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offering Prayer

Almighty God, your creation is big, with some people going without anything sufficient for them every day. We give this little in remembrance of them. Multiply it, and give us light and strength to give more in the future. Also work with this little for your service in the world. Through Jesus our Lord let it benefit your people in all the nations. Amen.

by Solomon Siyakisa Mlambo, via Jeffrey Phillips, Zimbabwe, in
Tirabassi & Eddy, *Gifts of Many Cultures* (1995), 108

*Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord (UMH 593)

1-I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Refrain-Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2-I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3-I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

A Trumpet Tune

Denton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of May 15-21

Today, May 15	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
Tuesday, May 17	5:00 p.m.	Mission Team
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday, May 18	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Friday, May 20	Valley View Deadline	

Serving us today: Lee Schott, Pastor; Karen Hutzell, Organist; Marilyn Hanson and Harold Templeman, Ushers; Kim Tyrrell and Marilyn Hanson, Nursery Attendants; Teresa and Emory Cleveland, Tech Team; Jaci Vega, Livestream Greeter; Melinda Cree-Anthony, Song Leader.

Save the Date: Game & Pizza Night: Our next Game-and-Pizza get-together will be on Sunday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m. here at the church. We'll have a freewill offering to cover the pizza. Bring a game or two; bring a friend. We'll share this time simply enjoying one another's company.

Summer Special Music Sign-Up: Now that the choirs are wrapping up for the season, we would like to have you share your musical talents at worship this summer. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office if you would like to sign up for any Sundays, June-August. Contact Clare DeBoef if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School (evenings June 27, 28, 29) at Valley UMC: The Christian Development team has been working on this year's VBS and **now we need your help!** We need you to INVITE the children you know (neighbors, grandchildren, grandchildren's friends, or great grandchildren-just to name a few) and even those you don't even know yet (children at the park, on your morning walk or at your fitness center!) What a wonderful opportunity to share our church with those not yet here: imagine three nights of activities, learning and a meal all FREE for those attending! Flyers are available on the table near the Giving Tree.