



Valley United Methodist Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 8, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*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

*Courante*  
*Psalm 121: I Will Lift Mine Eyes*  
*Ave Maria*

Frescobaldi  
Powell  
Bach-Gounod

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

"Come to me," Christ says.  
**We know and hear this voice.**  
"Walk with me," Christ calls.  
**We know and follow this call.**  
"Sit quietly here with me," Christ offers.  
**We rejoice in this invitation to trust.**

\*Opening Hymn      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (UMH 133)

1-What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*-Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2-O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3-What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

\*Opening Prayer      **Holy Parent, linger here next to us  
in this time of worship.  
Re-center us on you,  
at the very core of our being.  
Let this time together strengthen us  
to stand firmly on the strong foundation  
of your life and love for us. Amen.**

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

Time with Children

Anthem      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Choir

Scripture Readings      Psalm 131

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.

<sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

<sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD  
from this time on and forevermore.

John 21.15-19

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

What We Stand On

Call to Prayer

*Standing on the Promises* (UMH 374), stanzas 1 & 2

1-Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

*Refrain*-Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior,  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2-Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

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.**

A Word from the Valley UMC Foundation

Time of Offering

Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (UMH 95)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

**Lord, we are held and supported by the wonders of this life:  
sometimes quiet and soft like a gentle mother's whisper;  
sometimes strong and lasting, like footings and girders;  
all grounded in your love, presence, and saving power.  
We prayerfully ask that you use these gifts to reach others  
with the unchanging miracle of your life in and through us.  
In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation* (UMH 545), stanzas 1 & 4

1-The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

4-Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Benediction

Postlude

*The Trumpet of the Morning*

Smith

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Week of May 8-14

<b>Today, May 8</b>	<b>Mother's Day and Foundation Sunday</b>
	9:00 a.m. <b>Worship in Person and Livestream Church Conference</b>
	10:30 a.m. <b>Sunday School for All Ages</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 10</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>Antiracism Team</b>
	7:00 p.m. <b>Valley UMC Foundation</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 11</b>	4:00 p.m. <b>Prayer Group</b>
	5:30 p.m. <b>Bell Choir</b>
	6:15 p.m. <b>Choir</b>

**Serving us today:** Lee Schott, Pastor; Karen Hutzell, Organist; Bonnie Constant and Dawsyn Schulte, Ushers; Kim Tyrrell and Sherry Robinson, Nursery Attendants; Nathan and Johnathan Henn, Tech Team; Jaci Vega, Livestream Greeter; Teresa Cleveland, Fellowship; Anne Hauser, 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.

**The UMC's Future.** You have heard news of an imminent split in the United Methodist Church—prompted by the launch yesterday of the new denomination founded by the traditionalist wing of the UMC, the Global Methodist Church. Here's [a link to a news article about what's happening](#). Here's [another one, from the United Methodist news agency](#), that goes deeper into some of the logistics and processes. We're planning a forum, to be held here at Valley, where we'll talk about where things are and what's coming next. In the meantime, you may be interested in [the #BeUMC movement that seeks to remind us of our ongoing mission](#) as part of the United Methodist denomination. Stay tuned for more details, and please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lee if you want to talk sooner.