



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 26, 2022

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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	<i>Allegro, from Organ Concerto No. 15</i> <i>In tonation</i> <i>Andante Con Moto</i>	Walther Binckes Schubert
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Welcome

*Call to Worship	I've built walls A fortress deep and mighty That none may penetrate I have no need of friendship Friendship causes pain It's laughter and it's loving I disdain I am a rock I am an island
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**And a rock feels no pain
And an island never cries**
And yet, God said:
It is not good that we humans should be alone.
And so,
none of us is a rock, and we were never islands.

adapted from Paul Simon, lyrics, *I am a rock*, 1978

*Opening Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King (UMH 62), stanzas 1-3, 5

1-All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!

Refrain-O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2-O brother wind, air, clouds and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice! *Refrain*

3-O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight. *Refrain*

5-All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care! *Refrain*

*Opening Prayer

**You make us for relationship, O God.
Relationship with you, and relationship with one another.
Friendship is a gift you gave from the very beginning of time.
Join us this day as we strengthen our connections
with you, with friends and family,
including the friends we don't know yet. Amen.**

Time with Children

Scripture Reading Genesis 2.15-25

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man^[a] there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

Message beFRIENDing: Not a rock, never an island

Living Friendship A Conversation with Rick Santi, longtime Valley member

Making Connections

Did you ever try to live as an island? How’d that work for you? Why did God want us to live connected to one another? How does friendship fit into that plan?

Call to Prayer *Bind Us Together* (FWS 2226)

Refrain-Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing. *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.

Time of Offering

How Good to Be Together (on screen)

Refrain-How to be good together
How to be good together in honesty
We bless the Christ among us
We bless the Christ among us in you and me

1-We bring our heartbeats
We bring our brokenness
We bring our questions, fears and dreams. *Refrain*

2-We bring our joy
We bring confusion
We bring excitement and disappointments. *Refrain x 2*

*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

**Holy God, we love because we are made in your image.
We give and serve because you have made us to care for one another.
Use these gifts, Father, in your ongoing work of creation and repair,
as we see and befriend those you have entrusted to us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

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

1-In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for brothers 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.

*Benediction

Postlude *Recessional in Echo Style* Martin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, June 26	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream Fellowship Time
	1:00 p.m.	UMC Forum-Fellowship Hall
Mon., June 27	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tues., June 28	10:30 a.m.	Equity and Justice Team
	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Wed., June 29	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Sun., July 3	9:00 a.m.	Outdoor Worship in Person and Livestream Fellowship and Games following worship
	11:15 a.m.	Lunch served

Serving us today: Lee Schott, Pastor; Karen Hutzell, Organist; Bonnie Constant and Marilyn Hanson, Ushers; Carolyn Lancaster and Kim Tyrrell, Nursery Attendants; Carolyn Lancaster, Fellowship; Nathan and Johnathan Henn, Tech Team; Starr Himes, Livestream Greeter, Anne Hauser, Song Leader.

Feed the Kids: This is the final week for Feed the Kids, bring your food items or make a monetary contribution marked *Feed the Kids or Food Pantry*.

Forum on the Future of the United Methodist Church: With news of a likely split in our denomination, we are offering a time of learning and conversation today, **Sunday, June 26** from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Lee, along with Rev. Katie Dawson of Immanuel UMC, will offer an update about how we got here, what’s happening now, and what’s coming next, with time for your questions and concerns. It’s an important conversation we hope you’ll join.

Vacation Bible School-It's Not Too Late: Have you been inviting? We're calling all kids, age 4 and up, to join in our Vacation Bible School, **June 27, 28, 29**, from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** each night. The festivities start with supper (!) and include music, drama, crafts, recreation and learning. Please help us spread the word with neighbors, relatives, friends, and strangers! What a great reason to strike up a conversation!

Outdoor Worship and Party on July 3! Outdoor worship will be near the gazebo at 9:00 a.m. (and on livestream). If you can bring a lawn chair or blanket, that would be great. We'll also bring chairs from indoors. Stick around after worship for fellowship and lawn games, ahead of a lunch that will start at 11:15. We'll provide fried chicken.

We need to know how many will be here for chicken, so please fill out the Connect (tear off form) in the church bulletin on Sunday, email (office@valleyumc.org) or call (515-225-8128) the church office. Please let us know by Wednesday, June 29!

If you have a lawn game to share, bring it along! Also, if you can bring a side dish: salad or dessert, that will help our day go well! Table service and beverages will be provided.

All this will happen outdoors, weather permitting. If weather doesn't cooperate, we'll simply move indoors! Looking forward to a very special Independence Day celebration!