



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 31, 2022

8th 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!*

This morning we welcome Rev. Arnette Pint an ordained elder, retired, in the United Methodist Church. Like Pastor Lee, she served at Women at the Well when it met regularly inside the prison walls. She and her husband live in Urbandale and share a home with their only child, their only child-in-law, and two ridiculously wonderful grandchildren. You are always welcome to ask to see pictures of the grandchildren!

Gathering Music

*All Hail the Power
Air and Variations*

arr. by Smith
Handel

Welcome

*Call to Worship

You've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me
When the road looks rough ahead
And you're miles and miles
From your nice warm bed
You just remember what your old pal said
You've got a friend in me
You got troubles, I've got 'em too
There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you
We stick together and see it through
'Cause you've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me

adapted from Randy Newman lyrics, *You've Got a Friend in Me*, 1995

*Opening Hymn

Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing (FWS 2230), to tune of UMH 331

1-Lord, we come to ask your blessing
on the love that makes us one;
here, as Christians, to acknowledge
you are Lord, and you alone.

2-God of love, unless you bless us
how can we each other bless?
Only as you live within us
is there depth of happiness.

3-May our loving be a sharing
of the gifts we each possess;
may no failure of forbearance
turn our love to bitterness.

4-Lord, we come to ask your blessing
in the presence of our friends:
Grant us joy that blesses others,
grant us love that never ends.

*Opening Prayer

You make us for relationship, O God.
Relationship with you, and relationship with one another.
We thank you for the friends who have been there, with us,
even when they've been quiet or hidden.
Join us this day as we strengthen our connections
with you, with family, and with friends,
including ones we don't know yet. Amen.

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

Time with Children

Special Music *You've Got a Friend in Me* Joyce Templeman

Scripture Reading Luke 8.1-15

¹ Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ² as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them out of their own resources.

⁴ When a large crowd was gathering, as people were coming to him from town after town, he said in a parable: ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some fell on a path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on rock, and as it grew up it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷ Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸ Some fell into good soil, and when it grew it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

⁹ Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰ He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but to others I speak in parables, so that

'looking they may not perceive
and hearing they may not understand.'

¹¹ "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart and bear fruit with endurance.

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

Message beFRIENDing: Invisible friends Rev. Arnette Pint

Living Friendship A Conversation with Joyce Templeman, longtime Valley UMC member

Making Connections

Who are the “invisible friends” that have accompanied you in life? Describe a time when you’ve been that friend who encouraged or supported someone when they needed it. Who might God be inviting you to walk alongside right now?

Call to Prayer

You are a Wonderful God (Back page insert of UMH) Joyce Templeman

You are a wonderful God,
we praise and glorify you.
You are the Rock, and you are the Light,
you show us how to be true.

You are a wonderful God,
We’re thankful for your love.
You taught us to pray, and live every day,
in the shelter of your love.

Light and life to all you bring.
We thank you for each day.
Light and life to all you bring,
we ask you to show us the way.

You are a wonderful God,
we praise and glorify you,
You are the Rock, and you are the Light,
you show us how to be true.

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You are a wonderful God. You are a wonderful God.

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

*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, O God, 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

You Are the Seed (UMH 583)

1-You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
my witnesses where'er you go.

Refrain-Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace,
eternal love.

Be, my friends a loyal witness,
from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever,
till the end of the world."

2-You are the flame that will lighten the dark
sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
through valleys and pastures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for myself,
the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new kingdom built on a rock
where justice and truth always reign. *Refrain.*

3-You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide,
nor a mountain can cover its might;
may your good deeds show a world in despair
a path that will lead all to God. *Refrain.*

*Benediction

Postlude

Finale

Powell

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., July 31	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream
Wed., Aug. 3	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	7:00 p.m.	WE Team
Thurs., Aug. 4	9:30 a.m.	Searchers Circle
	6:30 p.m.	I-Cubs game
Sun., Aug. 7	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream
	10:30 a.m.	1-on-1 Meet up

Serving us today: Rev. Arnette Pint, Guest Pastor; Karen Hutzell, Organist; Harold and Joyce Templeman, Ushers; Jaden Vega and Kim Tyrrell, Nursery Attendants; Carolyn Lancaster, Fellowship; Nathan and Johnathan Henn, Tech Team; Jaci Vega, Livestream Greeter; Anne Hauser, Song Leader.

Don't forget to bring your school supplies for West Des Moines school students! They are also in need of new or gently used children and adult back-to-school clothing that will be available to families during school supply distribution. Bring items to the church by August 8 and the mission team will deliver to WDM Human Services for you.

August Valley Views and Calendar: Be sure to check out the August Valley Views and calendar that was emailed on Thursday or on our church website: www.valleyumc.org under the Events tab.

In this issue you will find:

- Pastor Lee's Message
- Mission Updates: Kies Missionaries, Habitat for Humanity
- Rally Day Save the Date
- Adult Sunday School for fall
- beFRIENDing news including the next 1-on-1 meet up and Hospitality and Welcoming Forum
- And much, much more!