



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 7, 2022

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

National Friendship Day

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

Sarabande
Air
Poco Largo

J.S. Bach
Galliard
Purcell

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Tell me your troubles and doubts
Giving everything inside and out
Slow change may pull us apart.
When the light gets into your heart.
Don't you forget about me.
Don't, don't, don't, don't,

Don't you forget about me.

Will you stand above me?

Look my way, and never love me

Rain keeps falling, rain keeps falling,

Down, down, down.

Will you recognize me?

Call my name or walk on by

Rain keeps falling, rain keeps falling,

Down, down, down.

adapted from Simple Minds lyrics, *Don't You (Forget About Me)*, 1985

*Opening Hymn

All Who Hunger (FWS 2126)

1-All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2-All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3-All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

*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 if we've been pulled apart by circumstances.
Join us this day as we strengthen our connections**

**with you, with family, and with friends,
including ones we don't know yet. Amen.**

First Reading Psalm 55.12-14

It is not enemies who taunt me—
I could bear that;
it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me—
I could hide from them.
¹³ But it is you, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend,
¹⁴ with whom I kept pleasant company;
we walked in the house of God with the throng.

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

Time with Children

Scripture Reading Matthew 26.45-50

⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

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

Message beFRIENDing: Until we part ways

Making Connections

Recall a friendship that has ended, other than by death. Why did you part ways? What keeps you from reaching to that person today?
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Call to Prayer *God Is Holding Your Life* (Richard Bruxvoort Colligan), refrain

God is holding your life, God is holding your life,
God is holding your life, we believe.

God is holding your life, God is holding your life,
God is holding your life, we believe.

Time of Prayer

Holy Communion

Invitation / Preparation / Offering

Prayer of Confession

**Ever-faithful Friend,
you have laid out a glorious feast for us,
but we have nibbled on crumbs;
we have gorged ourselves with candy.
You have shown us your truth, your plans, your creation,
but we narrowed our sight;
we took in only fragments, distorted and piecemeal.
You invited us to go the distance with you,
but we went only partway;
we veered off your path, snared by baubles and bombast.
Still, you beckon to us; you invite us back to your side.
Forgive us, Lord, our faithless and fickle ways.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

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

The Great Thanksgiving (UMH 15)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

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.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Take Our Bread (UMH 640)

Refrain-Take our bread, we ask you;
take our hearts, we love you.
Take our lives, O Father,
we are yours, we are yours.

1-Yours as we stand at the table you set;
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
we are yours, we are yours. *Refrain.*

2-Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could;
we are yours, we are yours. *Refrain.*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (UMH 121)

1-There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

2-There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;

there is healing in his blood.

3-For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4-If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Prayer after Communion (UMH 11)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

Your Love, O God (UMH 120)

1-Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.
You leave us free to seek you or reject you,
you give us room to answer "yes" or "no".

Refrain-Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.

2-We long for freedom where our truest being
is given hope and courage to unfold.
We seek in freedom space and scope for dreaming,
and look for ground where trees and plants can grow. *Refrain*

3-But there are walls that keep us all divided;
we fence each other in with hate and war.
Fear is the bricks and mortar of our prison,
our pride of self, the prison coat we wear. *Refrain*

4-O judge us, Lord, and in your judgment free us,
and set our feet in freedom's open space;
take us as far as your compassion wanders
among the children of the human race. *Refrain*

*Benediction

Postlude

March Pontificale

Lemmens

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Aug. 7	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream
	10:30 a.m.	1-on-1 Meet up
Tues., Aug. 9	10:30 a.m.	Equity and Justice Team
	7:00 p.m.	Valley UMC Foundation
Wed., Aug. 10	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Sat., Aug. 13	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Group
Sun., Aug. 14	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream
	10:30 a.m.	Hospitality and Welcome Forum

Serving us today: Rev. Lee Schott, Pastor; Karen Hutzell, Organist; Sherry Robinson and Harold Templeman, Ushers; Marilyn Hanson and Kim Tyrrell, Nursery Attendants; Charity Coates and Rusty Lewis, Fellowship; Emory and Teresa Cleveland, Tech Team; Starr Himes, Livestream Greeter; Andrew Hauser, Song Leader.

Back to School supplies and clothing are still being collected through **Monday, August 8**. Monetary contributions are also accepted, make your check payable to Valley UMC with “school supplies” marked in the memo line and we’ll forward the funds on to WDM Human services.

Giving Tree for August: The Mission Team has chosen **Habitat for Humanity** for this month’s giving tree. We have committed to a \$500 contribution to Habitat and are asking for your donations. Make your check payable to Valley UMC with “Habitat” marked in the memo line.

If you are interested in volunteering, we need **10 people** to work from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 7** at 1033 Shaw, Des Moines. Volunteers can meet at the church and carpool to the location. All levels of construction experience are welcome. Join the Valley Team today! Contact Deb Stensrud for more information (Debstensrud@msn.com).

beFRIENDING: We'll have another 1-on-1 Meet up today, **Sunday, August 7**. It's an easy way to enter into some of your 1-on-1 conversations! Please also plan to stay after fellowship time for a **Hospitality & Welcoming Forum** at 10:30 a.m. on **Sunday, August 14**. It will be a time to think about how we welcome and befriend new folks here at Valley UMC. What good conversations we're having in this season!

Valley UMC Men's Group will meet at 8:00 a.m. on **Saturday, August 13**. All are invited to join and feel free to bring a friend for faith and fellowship.

Kies Missionary Visit: Larry and Jane Kies will join us on **Wednesday, August 17 at 10:30 a.m.** to share stories of their work with Africa University in Zimbabwe. Lunch will be served following the presentation. Please RSVP to the church office at office@valleyumc.org or 515-225-8128 so we can plan for lunch.