



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Conductus
Gethsemane
Agnus Dei

Mansfield
Binckes
Fauré

Welcome

*Call to Worship

We'll make a rhythm together:
African Clave (via Gabe Schott)

*Opening Hymn

Sweet Hour of Prayer (UMH 496)

1-Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2-Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3- Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage
the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

*Opening Prayer

We come before you, O God, in the shadow of the cross, grateful for your great love for us. As you came to us in Jesus to win our love and obedience, reveal yourself among us still. Give us courage to follow Jesus over rocky hills where we carry our crosses and green valleys where you restore our souls. Our deepest longing is always for you. Amen.

Ibid., 61

*Peace

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

Time with Children

Anthem

Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Choir

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two

days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Sacred Rhythms: Prayer
with practice: *breath prayer*

Pastor Lee

Prayer Song

Meet with Me (on screen)

I will run
to the cleft of the mountain and wait for you
Will you come and meet with me?
I will wait
in the cleft of the mountain for you to pass by
Will you come and meet with me?

Refrain

Oh, what a joy it would be
Just for a moment to lay at the feet of the Lord
Oh more than anything that's what I long for
Oh, what a change it would bring
Just to look deep in the face of the King who gave all
You gave everything so you could meet with me
Will you meet with me?

[repeat all]

I will run
to the cleft of the mountain and wait for you
Will you come and meet with me?

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

Offertory *Andante, from Sonata in C Major* Marcello

Offering Prayer **Embolden us, Mighty God,
to give as fully as we have received.
Multiply the gifts we return to you now,
and multiply our faithfulness in this season,
that lives may be empowered, ours and others',
with your glory and your grace. Amen.**

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*Closing Hymn *Take Time to Be Holy* (UMH 395)

1-Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord,
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

2-Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in the conduct his likeness shall see.

3-Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

4-Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

*Benediction

Postlude *Elegy* Matthews

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Mar. 12	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream
	10:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting NO Sunday School
Mon., Mar. 13	6:30 p.m.	Sacred Rhythms Bible Study
Tues., Mar. 14	5:00 p.m.	Back Row
Wed., Mar. 15	3:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	WE Team
Sun., Mar. 19	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream (UMCOR SUNDAY) Staff Appreciation
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School

Serving us today: Lee Schott, Pastor; Karen Hutzell, Organist; Joyce Templeman, Pianist; Bob Gowdey, Choir Director; Jim and Rusty Lewis, Ushers; Marilyn Hanson and Kim Tyrrell, Nursery Attendants; Kim Tyrrell, Fellowship; Nathan and Johnathan Henn, Tech Team; Starr Himes, Livestream Greeter.

Congregational meeting TODAY from **10:30-11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. It has been a long time since we've gathered up for some updates from our Council, which is our leadership team. We want to talk about finances and some steps to ensure our future. We hope you'll join in!

Piano Recital Invitation: Joyce Templeman invites you to a piano recital "Child's Play" with her duet partner, Barbara Nish. This event will be offered on two dates: April 1 or April 2 at 4:00 p.m. at 4400 Greenwood Drive, Des Moines. You won't want to miss this wonderful showcase of talent!

Chili/Soup Cook Off Fundraiser: Thanks to the Valley Men's group for organizing and thank you to everyone who provided soup and other items, attended and/or contributed to this year's Chili/Soup Cook-off! Over \$1500 was raised for the Valley UMC compassion fund and congratulations to Max Meier: the winner of the cook off with the best soup!

2023 Lenten Missions: UMCOR Sunday, Disaster Response and CFUM Meals. Place your contributions in the offering plate (with your designation noted in the memo line) or find the online giving option on our Valley UMC website: www.valleyumc.org.

WDM Human Services Need of the Month: Toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss