



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 22, 2020—9:00 a.m.

REIGN OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

*Episode on “Hyfrydol”
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

Paxton
Arr. by Koury

Welcome

Call to Worship

Sheep and goats are welcome here.
Saints and sinners are part of God’s world.

Come! Rejoice in Christ Jesus, who welcomes us all.

Come, that we all might become sheep
who hunger together,
who own that we need compassion and love,
who celebrate comfort and mercy,
who receive as we have given.

Come, rejoice in Jesus Christ, who welcomes us all!

adapted from *Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*, 250

Opening Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (UMH 66), stanzas 1 & 4

1-Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

4-Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Opening Prayer

**O Lord, for this day, we arise. The moment is now. Your grace is here.
Rouse us from our sleep. Peel away our pretenses.
Help us show up to worship you with whole hearts, our whole lives.
Strengthen us to stand together, with all that we are, and all we bring.
We're watching as you create something new in us. Alleluia! Amen.**

adapted from Davis, ed., *The Africana Worship Book* (2006), 52

Time with Children

Scripture

Matthew 25.31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not

do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Message Still Standing: Hands Outstretched

Anthem *I Was Hungry* (Sara Thomsen)

A Word from Phyllis Pearson

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

**We come before you, O God,
with gifts in your name
in service of the world.
We bring our offerings
of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
as a symbol of our choice to follow you.
Receive these gifts of love,
that they may go forth as your blessing
and wisdom for the world. Amen.**

Abingdon Worship Annual 2020, 243

Closing Hymn *Bind Us Together* (FWS 2226)

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.

Benediction

Postlude *“Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul”* Mansfield
Photo by Martin Fennema on [Unsplash](https://unsplash.com/). Lyrics reprinted under CCLI License # 1530449. Livestream under CCLI Streaming License # 20723100. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE plan to join us Sunday, November 22, for our “Drive Up Drop Off” event at the church, 10:00-11:00 a.m., where we’ll be waiting for you under the carport on the east side of the building. You can drop off your giving pledge for 2021, if you haven’t already. Whether or not you’re making a pledge, you’ll receive a care package and a gift to help you celebrate the upcoming season of Advent at home. It will be a joy to see one another, even behind masks and car windows. DO plan to stop by and join in the fun.

****NOTE:** Because of this event, we will not have Zoom Fellowship or Adult Sunday School this morning.**

In addition to dropping off your pledge card, remember you can pick up your bakery items that you have ordered from Carolyn Lancaster. If you’ve forgotten to order, or would like additional items, she will have some available to purchase on Sunday. All proceeds benefit the Food Pantry.

Doing Theology: You're invited to join a group of other Christians in an exploration of how our beliefs about God and faith impact, or fail to impact, the decisions we make in the living of our lives. Come and join us in a discussion of who God is, what it means to be human, God's relationship with us and our relationship with God, and our relationships with others. This class will be held online, via Zoom, on Monday evenings, and will begin on Monday, November 30, 2020, at 7 p.m. Each class session will last for one hour. If you are interested in learning more, or would like to join in the discussion, please contact Daniel Schott by email at djschott42@gmail.com.

Holiday Gift Cards for WDM Human Services: We will again be collecting grocery gift cards to be given to West Des Moines Human Services. They will distribute these gift cards to families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. You may drop a gift card at the church office or write a check to Valley UMC noting “holiday gift cards” in the memo line.

Calendar: **Week of Nov. 22-29** Contact the church office for Zoom links for events happening online.

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	“Drive By Drop Off” Event—East Entrance
Wednesday, Nov. 25	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Thursday, Nov. 26		THANKSGIVING DAY
Friday, Nov. 27		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, Nov. 29	9:00 a.m.	Worship—First Sunday of Advent