



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 20, 2021—9:00 a.m.

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Father's Day

* means please stand as you are able
bold words are your part; regular print is the leader

Gathering Music

Andante Con Moto
Fugue in E Minor
Come, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Schubert
Bruhns
Bliss

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Thanks be to God who has called us into service
and enlists us in new expeditions, again and again.
We have been shown much mercy
since we enrolled as pilgrims in the faith.

Let us surge forward as comrades in the company of Christ;
let us make preparations for a spiritual journey.

We do not know just what we may encounter.

**The mysteries of God are many
and the will of God is often hard to track.**

Shoulder your packs and gear. The Spirit will be our guide.

No enemy will prevail against the purposes of God.

We are ready to embark into uncertain terrain. We have our orders.

We go trusting in the one God who goes ahead of us, always.

Duck & Tirabassi, *Touch Holiness* (1990), 177, adapted

*Opening Hymn

Give to the Winds Thy Fears (UMH 129)

1-Give to the winds thy fears;
hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.

2-Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears thy way;
wait thou God's time;
so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

3-Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way,
how wise, how strong this hand.

4-Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath
thy love and guardian care.

*Opening Prayer

**God, known and unknown,
give us hearts to see the things our eyes have overlooked.
God, named and unnamed,
teach us to know the truth that sets us free.
God, fascinating mystery,
show yourself to us in this season,
not as flash or thunder,
but love, softly spoken, poured out upon us,
soaking into our souls and our skin. Amen.**

adapted from *Touch Holiness* 178.1 &
Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, *God, Known & Unknown*

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

Time with Children

Anthem *Rise Up, O Men of God*, UMH 576—sung by our (willing) men

1-Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
to serve the King of Kings.

2-Rise up, O men of God!
The kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of brotherhood
and end the night of wrong.

3-Rise up, O men of God!
The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task;
rise up, and make her great!

4-Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod.
As brothers of the Son of Man,
rise up, O men of God!

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 8.4-20, 11.14-15

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

Message Think Again: What we know for sure

Call to Prayer *Listening People* (Richard Bruxvoort Colligan), refrain

God's word in the flesh
God's word in the ancient book
Listening
We're a listening people—God's word in the wind
God's word coming fresh today
Listening
We're a listening people

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 Witness

Tell of a fact or opinion you once held firmly that you later rethought.

Time of Offering

We confess, O God, that we are often overwhelmed by the needs around us—hunger, disease, strife, prejudice, and much more. It hurts that we don't have all the answers. We aren't sure how to fix things. Receive our uncertainty and turn it to curiosity, and commitment. Receive these offerings as a sign of our resolve to do something, in spite of all we cannot do. Bless these gifts to bring healing, hope, and love in Jesus' name. Amen.

inspired by *Worship & Song Leader's Edition* (2011), 100

*Closing Song

In the Midst of New Dimensions (FWS 2238), stanzas 1-3

1-In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey
now and ever,
now and ever,
now and evermore.

2-Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? *Refrain*

3-As we stand a world divided
by our own self seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams. *Refrain*

*Benediction

Postlude *Praisesong!*

Smith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar: Week of June 20-27

TODAY, Sunday, June 20	9:00 a.m.	Worship-Father's Day
Monday, June 21	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts-Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 22	July Valley View Deadline	
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday, June 23	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	6:30 p.m.	AMOS Community Conversation
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Leaders-Downstairs
Thursday, June 24	2:00 p.m.	Antiracism Group
Saturday, June 26	9:00 a.m.	Church Work day (9-11:00)
Sunday, June 27	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Outdoor Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Movie Night 13th

The July Valley View Deadline is Tuesday, June 22: Please plan to submit your articles, pictures or calendar dates by Tuesday.

Valley UMC Movie Night-Sunday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. Join the antiracism team as we watch the critically acclaimed documentary: *13th*. An in depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequity.

Vacation Bible School: It's going to be an exciting time here at VBS this year! We are already getting in registrations for the June 28, 29, 30 evening event which includes free activities and a free evening meal. At this time, the VBS planning committee would like a few volunteers to help with meal prep on **Tuesday, June 29 at 1:00 p.m.** Contact the church office at 515/225-8128 if you would be available to help out with the meal prep.

Church Work Day Saturday, June 26 9-11:00 a.m. Come lend a hand at our first monthly work day. We will have a variety of projects inside and out: picking up the yard of trash and sticks, cleaning up debris from the parking lot, taking down the Christmas lights in the Fellowship Hall and other projects.

You're invited to a Community Conversation: Wednesday, June 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m. What are your hopes and dreams for West Des Moines and Central Iowa? What needs to change to make life better for your family and the people you care about? Join in a conversation with your neighbors from Valley UMC and beyond to share our lives, experiences and vision and explore how we can act together to make these dreams a reality. We'll be led by representatives of AMOS (www.amosiowa.org), who help people like us mobilize ideas and support. Bring yourself and invite someone else who cares about this community!

Feed the Kids: WOW! We've almost filled a table. Thanks for your donations and keep them coming! Remember to follow along with the Feed the Kids calendar so we can provide food for those in need in our community.

West Des Moines Human Services Need of the Month: Bug Spray and Sunscreen. Feel free to drop items off at the lower doors (just ring the bell) and Emory Cleveland will deliver them to Human Services later this month.