



Valley United Methodist Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 11, 2021—9:00 a.m.

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Gathering Music

*Berceuse*  
*Galliard*  
*Prelude on "Morning Hymn"*

Norris  
Frescobaldi  
Binckes

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

The Word of God is near us.  
**The Reign of God is at hand.**  
Daily, daily it draws closer.  
**Yet its movement is very slow.**  
So slow we often lose sight of it.  
**Our hope falters.**  
Let us place our hope in God.  
**Let us recommit ourselves to God's work.**

Duck & Tirabassi, *Touch Holiness* (1990), 175-76 (adapted)

\*Opening Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH 139)*

1-Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

2-Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

3-Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4-Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5-Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

\*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

Scripture Readings 1 Samuel 18.1-16

18 When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup> Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup> Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. <sup>5</sup> David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

<sup>6</sup> As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. <sup>7</sup> And the women sang to one another as they made merry,

“Saul has killed his thousands,  
and David his ten thousands.”

<sup>8</sup> Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?” <sup>9</sup> So Saul eyed David from that day on.

<sup>10</sup> The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; <sup>11</sup> and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice.

<sup>12</sup> Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. <sup>13</sup> So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. <sup>14</sup> David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. <sup>15</sup> When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. <sup>16</sup> But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

2 Samuel 1.1-4, 11-12, 17-20

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## 2 Samuel 1.17-20

<sup>17</sup> David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. <sup>18</sup> (He ordered that The Song of the Bow<sup>[a]</sup> be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

<sup>19</sup> Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

<sup>20</sup> Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;

or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,

the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

## 2 Samuel 5.1-5

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup> For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." <sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup> David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup> At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

Think Again: Where we draw our lines

Call to Prayer

*Listening People* (Richard Bruxvoort Colligan), refrain and verse 3

*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.

3-What is God's present work?  
Rouse us awake  
How are we ready  
to embody your word today? *Refrain*

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

Reflections on Vacation Bible School, and on the lines we've drawn

Time of Offering

**We confess, O God, that we are often overwhelmed by the needs around us. It hurts that we don't have all the answers. We aren't always certain what lines to draw. 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

*Make Me a Captive, Lord* (UMH 421)

1-Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free.  
Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be.  
I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;  
imprison me within thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.

2-My heart is weak and poor until it master find;  
it has no spring of action sure, it varies with the wind.  
It cannot freely move till thou hast wrought its chain;  
enslave it with thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.

3-My power is faint and low till I have learned to serve;  
it lacks the needed fire to glow, it lacks the breeze to nerve.  
It cannot drive the world until itself be driven;  
its flag can only be unfurled when though shalt breathe from heaven.

4-My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;  
if it would reach a monarch's throne, it must its crown resign.  
It only stands unbent amid the clashing strife,  
when on thy bosom it has leant, and found in thee its life.

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Rise Up in Praise*

Paxton

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Calendar: Week of July 11-July

<b>TODAY, Sunday, July 11</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Outdoor Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Movie Night: <i>Soul</i></b>
<b>Tuesday, July 13</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Green Space Team Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 14</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
<b>Sunday, July 18</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>CD Team Meeting</b>

**Sunday Movie Night:** We have movie night TONIGHT that's perfect for kids—the Pixar/Walt Disney animated movie, *Soul*. We'll have popcorn and bottled water to share, and we hope you'll come by with all your youngest friends! Starting at 6:00 p.m. in the comfortably cool sanctuary. We will wear masks for the sake of the children who will be joining us.

**Join us for an exciting opportunity here at Valley UMC!** We're forming a **GREEN SPACE TEAM** that will explore some possibilities, and dream some others. We'll hold our first meeting on **Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 pm**—OUTDOORS in the yard, of course (unless it's raining). We'll look, and wonder, and do some planning for first and next steps. If you have ideas, or you're simply curious, we hope you'll join in. See the July Valley Views for more information.

**Looking ahead to the Fall:** We're thinking about Sunday School for adults, youth, and children, and would love to have a conversation about what those programs look like. We're inviting any and all (including the CD Team (Christian Development Team) to meet in the sanctuary on **Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m.** so we can make some timely plans.

**State Fair Volunteers:** Thank you to those who have signed up to help out at the WDM UMC food booth at the Iowa State Fair. Now that you have had time to check your calendars, be sure to call/email the office to schedule your time. (Please note: The morning shifts have been filled.)

**West Des Moines Human Services Need of the Month: Shampoo and Conditioner.** 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.

**Other Miscellaneous Items:**

- If you brought Feed the Kids food items in reusable/insulated bags, you may pick them up in the Fellowship Hall.
- FREE 4 ft fluorescent bulbs-we have changed out to LED bulbs in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like any bulbs you will find them in the Fellowship Hall, feel free to take as many as you want before they are recycled.