



Valley United Methodist Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 25, 2021

9<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

*Think About His Love*  
*How Beautiful*

Walt Harrah  
Twila Paris

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

after PSALM 51

Speak truth to us this day, O God.  
**Speak truth to the most inward parts**  
**of our hearts and minds,**  
that we might speak your truth in love  
**and that you might speak your truth through us**  
**each and every day.**

adapted from *Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*, 170

\*Opening Hymn      *Lord, Speak to Me* (UMH 463)

1-Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of thy tone;  
as thou hast sought, so let me seek  
thine erring children lost and lone.

2-O strengthen me, that while I stand  
firm on the rock and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

3- O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious things thou dost impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4-O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,  
until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5- O use me, Lord, use even me,  
just as thou wilt, and when and where,  
until thy blessed face I see,  
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

\*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

*Blowin' in the Wind*

Steve Dressel

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

<sup>26</sup> When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup> When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, **12** <sup>1</sup> and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." <sup>5</sup> Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup> he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup> I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message Think Again: Who can tell us we're wrong

Call to Prayer *Listening People*, refrain

*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

Remember someone who could tell you when you were wrong.

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 don't always realize when we're wrong. 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

*More Love to Thee, O Christ* (UMH 453)

1-More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

2-Once earthly job I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

3-Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;  
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

4-Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;  
this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

\*Benediction

Postlude

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Calendar: Week of July 25-August 1**

<b>TODAY, Sunday, July 25</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship In Person and LiveStream</b>
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Outdoor Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Movie Night-Remember the Titans</b>
<b>Monday, July 26-Church Office Closed</b>		
<b>Wednesday, July 28</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
<b>Sunday, August 1</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship In Person and LiveStream with Holy Communion</b>

***\*The church office will be CLOSED on Monday, July 26.***

**Outdoor Worship this Sunday, July 25:** We'll have our regular 9:00 a.m. service and then our outdoor worship service at 10:45 p.m. We're going to try gathering in and around the gazebo, so bring your lawn chair, or use one from inside the church, and we'll enjoy that time together.

**Sunday Movie Night:** We have a movie night that evening (July 25) We will be showing *Remember the Titans*: "A true story of a newly appointed African-American football coach on their first season as a racially integrated unit". We'll have popcorn and bottled water to share, and we hope you'll come by with all your 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.

**Lavonne Miller Memorial Service:** Saturday, August 7 at 11:00 a.m. here at Valley UMC.

**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. Here are the shifts available:

Thursday, August 19: 1:45-6:00 p.m. (1)

5:30-9:30 p.m. (3)

**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.

**Don't forget to purchase your School Supplies for WDM Human Services as well!**