



Valley United Methodist Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 4, 2021—9:00 a.m.

6<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

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*  
*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*  
*Fantasia on "America, the Beautiful"*

Mansfield  
arr. by Smith  
arr. by Koury

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

after PSALM 20 & 1 SAMUEL 17

Warriors of the world, unite!  
Bring your armor and your spears,  
your courage and your defiance!  
**Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,**  
**but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.**  
**The name of the LORD answers you in the day of trouble!**

May all the earth know that there is a God in Israel.  
May all this assembly know  
that the LORD does not save by sword or spear;  
**for the battle is the LORD's.**

\*Opening Hymn      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (UMH 110)

1-A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2-Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3-And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

4-That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

\*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 Reading 1 Samuel 17

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

Message Think Again: What it takes to win

Call to Prayer *Listening People* (Richard Bruxvoort Colligan), refrain and verse 2

*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

2-Noise has distracted us

We've not heard you.

How can we tune your church

to ringing ever more true? *Refrain*

Time of Prayer

Prayer for Independence Day

God of all nations,

we thank you for the life and history of our country,

for its vast beauty, its wilderness,

and wealth of forest, mine, and sea.

We praise you for its people,

the people whose ancestors

have been here for thousands of years,

and those who have just arrived.

We thank you for the variety of our traditions and our cultures,

the riches of our spiritual and religious heritage,

the strength of our democratic institutions.

We pray for our nation,

for our citizens, residents, and governments

that working together we may face the future

with confident hope and faith in your purpose for our world.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Time of Witness

Reflecting on Vacation Bible School

Holy Communion

Invitation / Preparation / Offering

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

UMH 8

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*Closing Song

*Heralds of Christ (UMH 567)*

1-Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,  
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,  
pass on and carry swift the news you bring;  
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.

2-Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,  
through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,  
build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;  
prepare across the earth the King's highway.

3-Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,  
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,  
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease  
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.

\*Benediction

Postlude *Blessing, Glory, Wisdom and Thanks*

G. G. Wagner

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Calendar: Week of July 4-July 11**

Please contact the church office for Zoom links for events happening online.

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| <b>TODAY, Sunday, July 4</b> | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Worship</b>                          |
| <b>Monday, July 5</b>        |                   | <b>Church Office Closed</b>             |
| <b>Tuesday, July 6</b>       | <b>6:45 p.m.</b>  | <b>Boy Scouts</b>                       |
| <b>Tuesday, July 7</b>       | <b>4:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Prayer Group</b>                     |
|                              | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team</b> |
| <b>Thursday, July 8</b>      | <b>2:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Antiracism Group</b>                 |
| <b>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>         |

**July Valley Views and Calendar:** Be sure to check out the July Valley Views and calendar that was attached to the Thursday email or on our church website: [www.valleyumc.org](http://www.valleyumc.org)

In this issue you will find:

- Pastor Lee's Message
- An Invitation to Antiracism
- Movie Nights in July
- Mission Opportunities: School supplies, CFUM Meals, Habitat for Humanity
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Green Space Team
- Volunteering at the Iowa State Fair
- And much, much more!

**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 of Importance:**

- Two raincoats were left at church last week in the East entry
- 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.