



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2020—9:00 a.m.

Gathering Music
Welcome

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord who counsels us by day.
In the night also, our hearts instruct us.
Keep the Lord always before you.
With God at our right hand, we shall not be moved.

Opening Hymn

Thy Word Is a Lamp (UMH 601)

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1-When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

2-Now I will not forget your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end. *Refrain*

Opening Prayer

**God of the ages, we come to meet you in worship.
Remind us of your power and mercy.
Replenish our courage and vision.
Renew our identity as your people.
Reinvigorate our holy work in this world,
for our help is in your name alone, Holy God,
maker of heaven and earth. Amen.**

adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*, 184

Time with Children

Anthem

God, Known and Unknown (Richard Bruxvoort Colligan)

Scripture

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 NRSV

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is^a useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Continuing Ed: Knowing the Word

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 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

**All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee,
presenting our whole selves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable, which is our spiritual worship.
In Jesus' holy name, Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Teach Me Your Way (Richard Bruxvoort Colligan), stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Refrain

Teach me your way and I will walk in it
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1-Lean in and listen to my voice, O my God
I've been calling to you all day long
Lean in and listen to my voice, O my God
I am trusting your unfailing love. *Refrain*

3-Great is your love that won't let go even now
as my life is hunted day by day
Great is your love that won't let go even now
as the terror closes in, we pray. *Refrain*

4-Show us a tiny sign of hope; we are yours
In your holy presence we're in awe
Show us a tiny sign of hope; we are yours
Your compassion for our world abounds. *Refrain*

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship In The Garden On Sunday Morning: With the recent spike in COVID cases in our state and community, we want to remind you of the following guidelines for your safety:

- **you must wear a mask**
- **we'll ask you to keep a distance from other households by sitting in an area marked with a white flag**
- **keep a 6' distance as you visit with others**
- We'll have some singing, but we'll encourage you to sing and speak softly, which will reduce the risk of transmission in case anyone is Coronavirus-positive.

We are hoping to continue outdoors each Sunday until fall weather prevents us, and of course if it's threatening rain we'll just be on livestream, from indoors. Check your email and/or Facebook on Sunday morning for updates if weather seems questionable. Click for the order of worship.

Service of Remembrance: You're invited to join in our **Service of Remembrance today at 5:00 pm**, out in the yard. (Bring a lawn chair if possible and wear a mask as with all our outdoor services. If you need access to the praise garden and are unable to use the stairway to the gazebo, you may enter through the main doors of the sanctuary (East) and proceed outdoors following the arrows marked on the floor.) It's a chance to remember those who have died whom we haven't been able to mourn with our usual rituals, including Milly Blewitt, Lavonne Miller, Bud Barnes, Wayne Blewitt, Duane Kent and Chris Eckhart, all who have been connected with Valley UMC. We've probably all experienced other losses in this time, without the usual funeral services, hugs, and fellowship. We'll name all these friends and family members as we gather for a simple, holy time of remembering, naming, and celebrating their lives.

Conversation on Racism: Our daytime group, **Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.** will start a new book on **September 17 (please note the date change from the date in the Valley Views)**, Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an Antiracist*. This will be a Zoom meeting. It would be a great time to join us! Let Sheila or Pastor Lee know if you would like to sign up for this Thursday conversation.

Conversations about Worship. With a new pastor, a pandemic, and a livestream on YouTube, you won't be surprised that there are some conversations happening about our worship service. Some folks are interested in adjusting our worship time. Some would like to change up our music. In these weeks when we can still gather outdoors, it seems like a worthy topic for another community conversation, which we'll hold at least twice, as follows:

- In person **THIS Sunday at 10 a.m.**, near the gazebo, shortly after our worship service ends.
- On Zoom on **Wednesday, September 16** at 5:30 p.m.

What about Sunday School? Our youth Sunday School is kicking off **TODAY, 10:30-11:30 a.m.** Stay tuned for our adult group that will start on **September 20!**