



Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

We would be very pleased to have you join our Sunday morning worship on Zoom by using the following instructions.

Please use these phone numbers and links between 10:15am and 10:30am Central Time. You can join in one of two ways:

By computer, smart phone or tablet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86757133623?pwd=OTFUQWJvU21MMmR6bkY5SitpelR1UT09>

By Phone: 1 (312) 626 6799 ID 867 5713 3623, Passcode 205879

(If you need a live link to the Worship link, you can go to the homepage of our website at www.vccbhm.org and click on “Links to Zoom” then click on the Sunday Worship link.)

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Christ's and yours,

Pastor Eric Atcheson

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Valley Christian Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

PRELUDE

“As the Deer”

Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice out loud to God, who is our strength

People: Shout for joy to Jacob’s God

Leader: Take up a song and strike the drum

People: Play the sweet lyre alongside the harp

Leader: Blow the horn for our day of celebration

People: For this is the rule of Jacob’s God

(Psalm 81:1-4, CEB)

Andrea Clark
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Hymn 66
Verses 1 – 4

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love*

*To all life thou givest to both great and small
In all life thou livest, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changeth thee*

*Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All praises we render, O help us to see
That only the splendor of light hideth thee*

OPENING PRAYER

Andrea Clark
Worship Leader

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God, in such holy and sacred moments with you and before you, we pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places that are in the silence of our souls. We lift them to you at this time...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:9-20

Andrea Clark
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

“Zephaniah”

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” Hal Hopson

VCC Choir directed by
Mary Ellen Caughran

CALL TO OFFERING

Share your financial offering with the church by offering plate, by mail or bring it by the church office. Thank you for your love gifts.

Andrea Clark
Worship Leader

Our deacons will come by each pew to collect the offering. Simply place your offering and any contact/prayer cards into the plate when it is offered to you. Please do not pass the plate.

OFFERTORY

“How Great Is Our God”

Margaret Cox
Pianist

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

John Neville
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

Moving from brokenness to restoration is a part of Scripture—the prophets speak of it, and the Lord’s Supper, with bread broken and us restored, embodies it.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Katelyn Clark
Elder*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Hear the words of Jesus when He said, "Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take and drink, this is the cup of the covenant poured out for you."

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please do not unmask to partake of communion during the Words of Institution until asked to do so. Place your mask back fully over your nose and mouth immediately afterwards.

HYMN OF INVITATION

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

*Hymn 651
Verses 1 & 4*

*God who stretched the spangled heavens
Infinite in time and place
Flung the suns in burning radiance
Through the silent fields of space
We your children, in your likeness
Share inventive powers with you
Great creator, still creating
Show us what we yet may do*

*As each far horizon beckons
May it challenge us anew
Children of creative purpose
Serving others, honoring you
May our dreams prove rich with promise
Each endeavor well begun
Great creator, give us guidance
Till our goals and yours are one*

BENEDICTION

May the God who gave you voice to speak to God send you out to also speak the Good News to the children of God, and may the blessing of God be with you on this day and on all days. Amen.

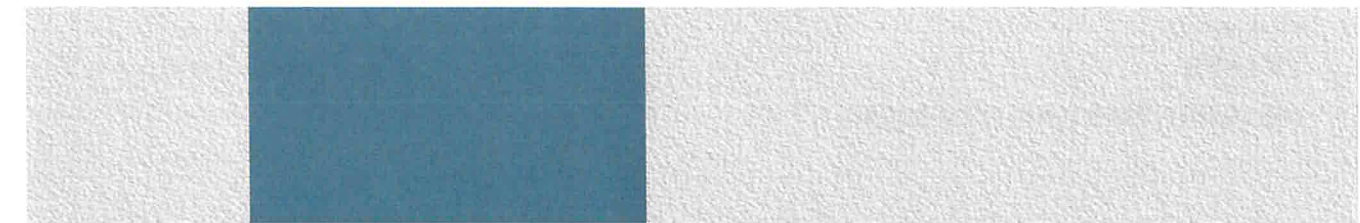
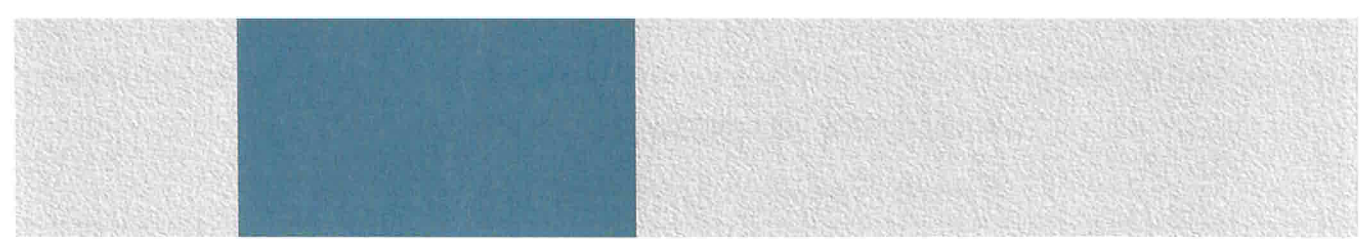
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POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

You are warmly invited to join us for light refreshments in the church parlor. We ask that you please continue to socially distance and wear masks as much as possible after worship has concluded.



Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 8	10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary 11:30 am: Valley fellowship, parlor 12:00 pm: Elders' Meeting
Monday, August 9	Voice Deadline
Tuesday, August 10	11:30 am Men's Luncheon – Johnny Ray's 6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
Wednesday, August 11	10:30 am Staff Meeting - Parlor 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, August 12	9:30 am District II Pastors' meeting – Parlor Jim Taylor's Birthday
Saturday, August 14	9:00 am to 12 pm – Valley Workday Ed Guindon's Birthday
Sunday, August 15	10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary 11:30 am: Valley fellowship, parlor 12:00 pm: Cabinet Meeting Registration for Autumn Sunday School Classes

Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is Little Union Christian Church in Hayneville, Alabama

Please also be in prayer for our sister congregation, Macedonia Christian Church, and our neighbors at Primera Iglesia Cristiana

Our international mission partner, Elena Huegel, is currently stateside from her mission in Mexico

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday
Pastor Eric's office hours: 9:30 am – noon, Monday – Thursday

Today's Servers

ELDER: Katelyn Clark WORSHIP LEADER: Andrea Clark GREETER(S): Peggi Zinser and Lola Kiser DEACONS: Team 1, Leader – Carolyn Nunnally Members – Marilyn Cutcliffe, Stewart Draper, Terry Nunnally, Sara Simon COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Peggi Zinser

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.