



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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

PRELUDE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of heavenly forces

People: Our very being longs, even yearns for you

Leader: My heart and body will rejoice out loud to the living God

People: Those who live in your house are truly happy

Leader: Those who put their strength in you are truly happy

People: They praise you constantly, and pilgrimage is in their hearts

(Psalm 84:1-5, CEB)

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn 25
Verses 1, 3, 5

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty who rules all creation
O my soul worship the wellspring of health & salvation
All ye who hear, now to God’s temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration*

*Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely God’s goodness & mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with great love doth befriend thee*

*Praise to the Lord, O let all of earth’s people and races
All have life & breath, give thanks for manifold graces
Let the Amen sound from God’s people again
Gladly forever sing praises*

OPENING PRAYER

Judy Sellers
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

Haggai 2:1-5

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

“Haggai”

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

“God is Here,” Patti Drennan

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.

Judy Sellers
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

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

Divine presence is not for us to dictate, but to experience. We cannot say how God is present, only God can—and God has done so with this meal.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Ted Stuckenschneider
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

"Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

*Hymn 15
Verses 1, 3 – 5*

*Rejoice, you pure in heart, lift praises to the sky
Your festive banner wave with joy
The cross of Christ raise high
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing*

*With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved
The psalms of ancient days
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing*

*Yes on through life's long path still singing as you go
From youth to age, by night and day
In gladness and in woe
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing*

*Praise God who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire
One God forevermore
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing*

BENEDICTION

May the God who is ever-present from your beginning to your present send you forth to proclaim and exclaim that God's love to all, and may the blessing of the Lord be with you on this day and on all days. Amen.

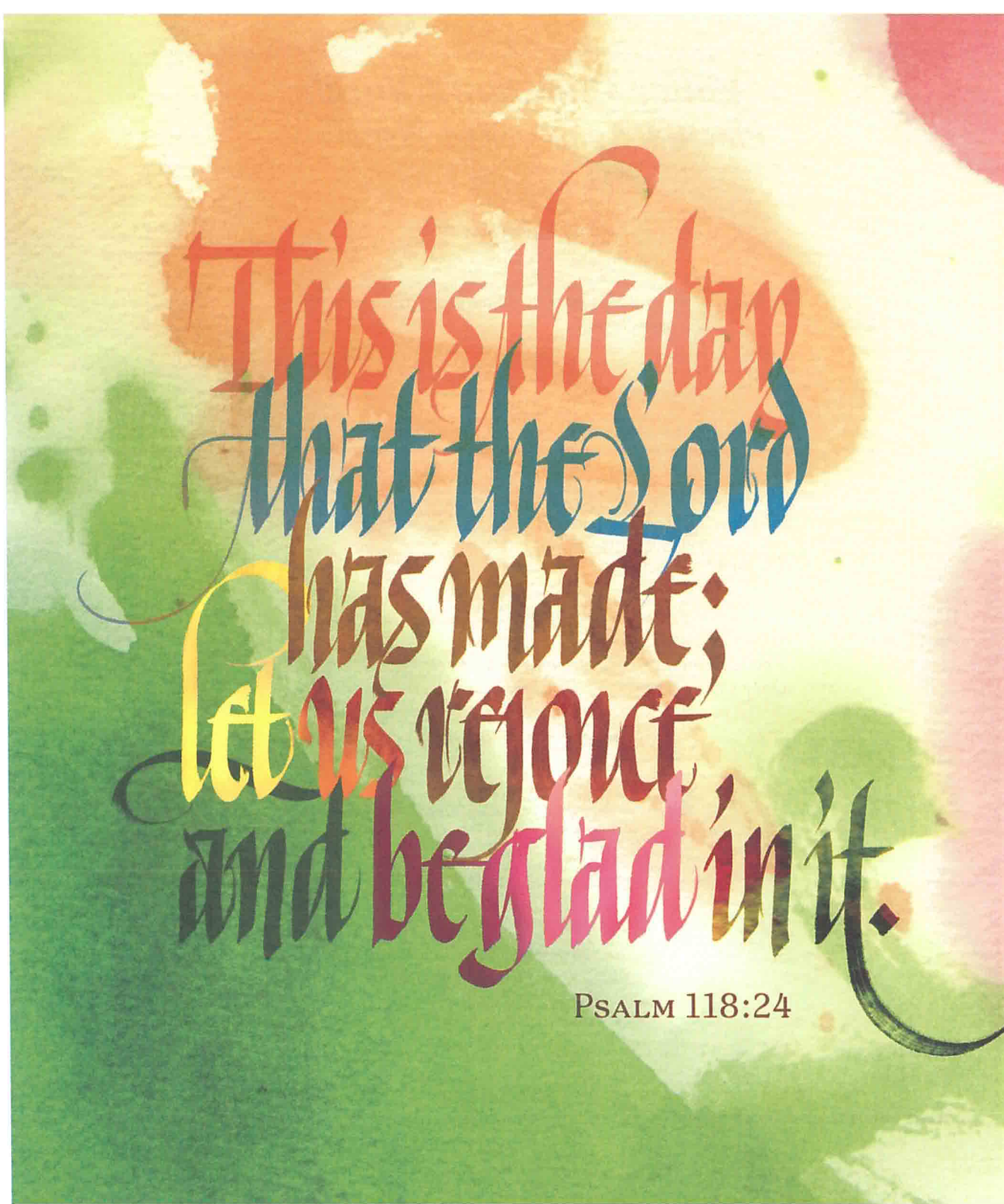
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POSTLUDE

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

*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.



PSALM 118:24

Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

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
Tuesday, August 17	2:00 pm Manna Market, fellowship 6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1) 7:00 pm Barony Group, fellowship Hal and Jan Clark's Anniversary
Wednesday, August 18	6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room Marilyn Ireland vacation day
Thursday, August 19	Benjamin Devine's Birthday
Friday, August 20	7:30 pm Congregational Transformation Event at First Christian B'ham
Saturday, August 21	8:00 am Congregational Transformation Event at First Christian B'ham
Sunday, August 22	10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary 11:30 am: Valley fellowship, parlor Registration for Autumn Sunday School Classes

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
First Christian Church in Huntsville, 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: Ted Stuckenschneider WORSHIP LEADER: Judy Sellers GREETER(S): Peggi Zinser and Stewart Draper DEACONS: Team 1, Leader – Carolyn Nunnelly Members – Marilyn Cutcliffe, Stewart Draper, Terry Nunnelly, Sara Simon CLOSE: Ed Guindon COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Ginny Guindon

God Is Here!

by Patti Drennan and Jean Anne Shafferman

God is calling us, everyone, mother, father, daughter, son,
calling us to join in praise, joyful voices together raise.

People from everywhere, coming from far and near, joining together to share
the news!

People from everywhere, coming from far and near, listen to what they share:
God Is Here!

Come together from far and near, catch the spirit, God is here!

Come together to serve the Lord, boldly speaking His holy Word!

Serving the loving Lord, speaking his holy Word, joining together to share the
news!

Serving the loving Lord, speaking His holy Word; listen to what they say;
God is here!

Let your hearts be quiet still, listening for His holy will.

In the darkest night, see the morning light, let your heart take flight, God is
here!

Come people praise His name with the harp and lute; praise His name with the
drum and flute;

praise Him for His abundant grace; let the joy of love fill this place!

All people sing His praise, voices together raise, singing together the joyful
news!

All people sing His praise, voices together raise, listen to what they sing God is
Here!

Sing together; God is Here!