



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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

PRELUDE

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In hope we were saved

**People: We hope for what we do not see, we wait
for it with patience**

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness

People: We confess we do not know how to pray

Leader: So the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too
deep for words

People: The spirit intercedes according to God's will
(Romans 8:24-27, NRSV)

Sarah Draper
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Hymn 570
Verses 1 & 3

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempters snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petitions bear
To him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless
And since he bids me seek his face
Believe his word and trust his grace
I'll cast on him my every care
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer*

OPENING PRAYER

Sarah Draper
Worship Leader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-4

Sarah Draper
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"Grace," Carolyn Hamlin

VCC Handbell 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.

Sarah Draper
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

*"Breathe On Me, Breath of God/
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

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

Sarah Draper
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

If we define prayer as the channel through which God and humanity communicate, then the words Jesus speaks at this table are, and should be, a prayer for us.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Clarence Sellers
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**

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

*Hymn 575
Verses 1 – 3*

*Come & find the quiet center in the crowded life we live
Find the room for hope to enter
Find the frame where we are freed
Clear the chaos and the clutter that we can see
All the things that really matter be at peace & simply be*

*Silence is a friend who claims us
Cools the heart and slows the pace
God it is who speaks and names us
Knows our being, touches base
Making space within our thinking
Lifting shades to show the sun
Raising courage when we're shrinking
Finding scope for faith begun*

*In the spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain
Let our lives & fears unravel, celebrate a space we gain
There's a place for deepest dreaming
There's a time for heart to care
In the spirit's lively scheming
There is always room to spare*

BENEDICTION

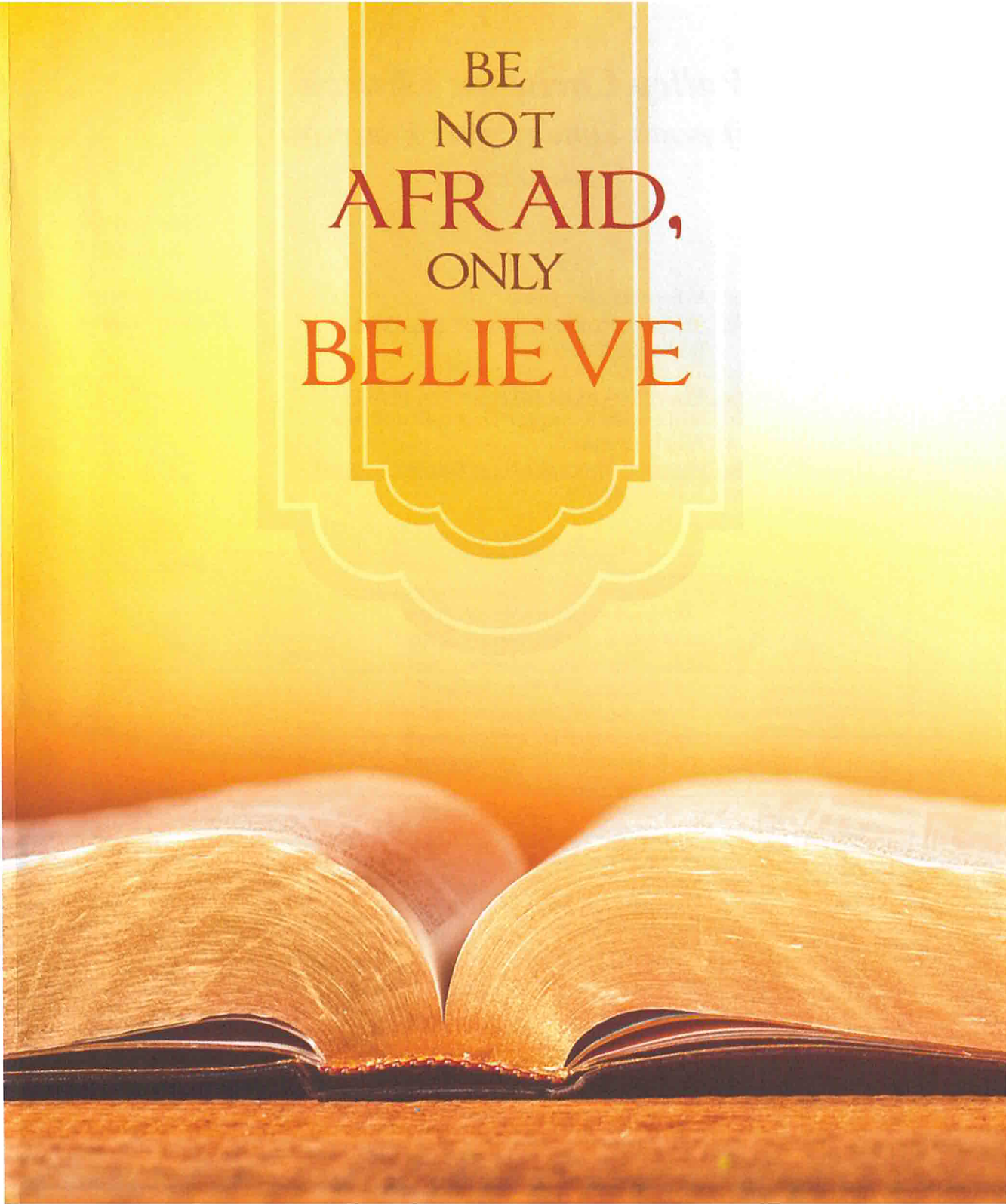
May the God who hears your prayers and has responded with grace and love send you forth to spread that grace and love across creation, and may the blessing of that God be with you on this day and on all days. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

POSTLUDE

*John Neville
Pianist*

The serving of food and drinks indoors is temporarily suspended due to the delta variant of covid-19, but you are warmly invited to remain here in fellowship time after worship concludes.



BE
NOT
AFRAID,
ONLY
BELIEVE

Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept 12	9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary 12:00 pm Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 14	10:00 am Staff Meeting (Parlor) 11:30 am Men's Luncheon – Johnny Ray's 2:00 pm Manna Market (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
Wednesday, Sept 15	11:30 am – AAA Appalachian Trail Spaghetti Lunch and Presentation 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, Sept 16	10:30 am Disciples Women (Parlor)
Friday, Sept 17	Ted and Dana Stuckenschneider's Anniversary
Saturday, Sept 18	Hattie Belle Lester's Birthday
Sunday, Sept 19	9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary 12:00 pm Board Meeting Mary Ellen Caughran – vacation day

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
New Hope Christian Church in Letohatchee, 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: Clarence Sellers WORSHIP LEADER: Sarah Draper GREETER(S): Sarah and
Stewart Draper DEACONS: Team 2, Leader – Peggi Zinser Members – Jim Taylor, Ginny
Guindon, Carol Speed OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Stewart Draper COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:
Postponed

Bells playing

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more.

and also

"Only Trust Him"

Come, every soul by sin oppressed
There's mercy with the Lord
And He will surely give you rest
By trusting in His word

Only trust Him, only trust Him
Only trust Him now
He will save you, He will save you
He will save you now.