



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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are to live based on the Spirit, not on selfishness

Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

People: Lives based on the Spirit center on the Spirit

Leader: An attitude based on selfishness leads to death

People: An attitude of the Spirit leads to life & peace

Leader: You're in the Spirit if God's Spirit lives in you

People: May the Spirit that raised Jesus live in us

(Romans 8:4-11, CEB)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Hymn 594
Verses 1 – 3

*Dear Lord and father of mankind
Forgive our foolish ways
Reclothe us in our rightful mind
In purer lives thy service find
In deeper reverence, praise*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord
Let us like them without a word
Rise up and follow thee*

*O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love*

OPENING PRAYER

Terry Nunnelly
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

Matthew 5:1-12

Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"Blessed are the Peacemakers"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"For Everyone Born"
Shirley Erena Murray & Brian Mann

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.

Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

Our deacons will come by each pew to receive 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

"Because I Have Been Given Much"

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

Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

Blessed are the ones who make this meal, week in and week out, so that we might commemorate God's ultimate blessing for us in the gift of God's Son.

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**

"Ours the Journey"

*Hymn 458
Verses 1, 2, 4*

*In the midst of new dimensions
In the face of changing ways
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
Wandering their separate ways?*

Refrain

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar
Leading where the eagle soars
We your people, ours the journey, now and evermore*

*Through the flood of starving peoples
Warring factions and despair
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care?
Refrain*

*Should the threats of dire predictions
Cause us to withdraw in pain
May your blazing phoenix spirit
Resurrect the church again
Refrain*

BENEDICTION

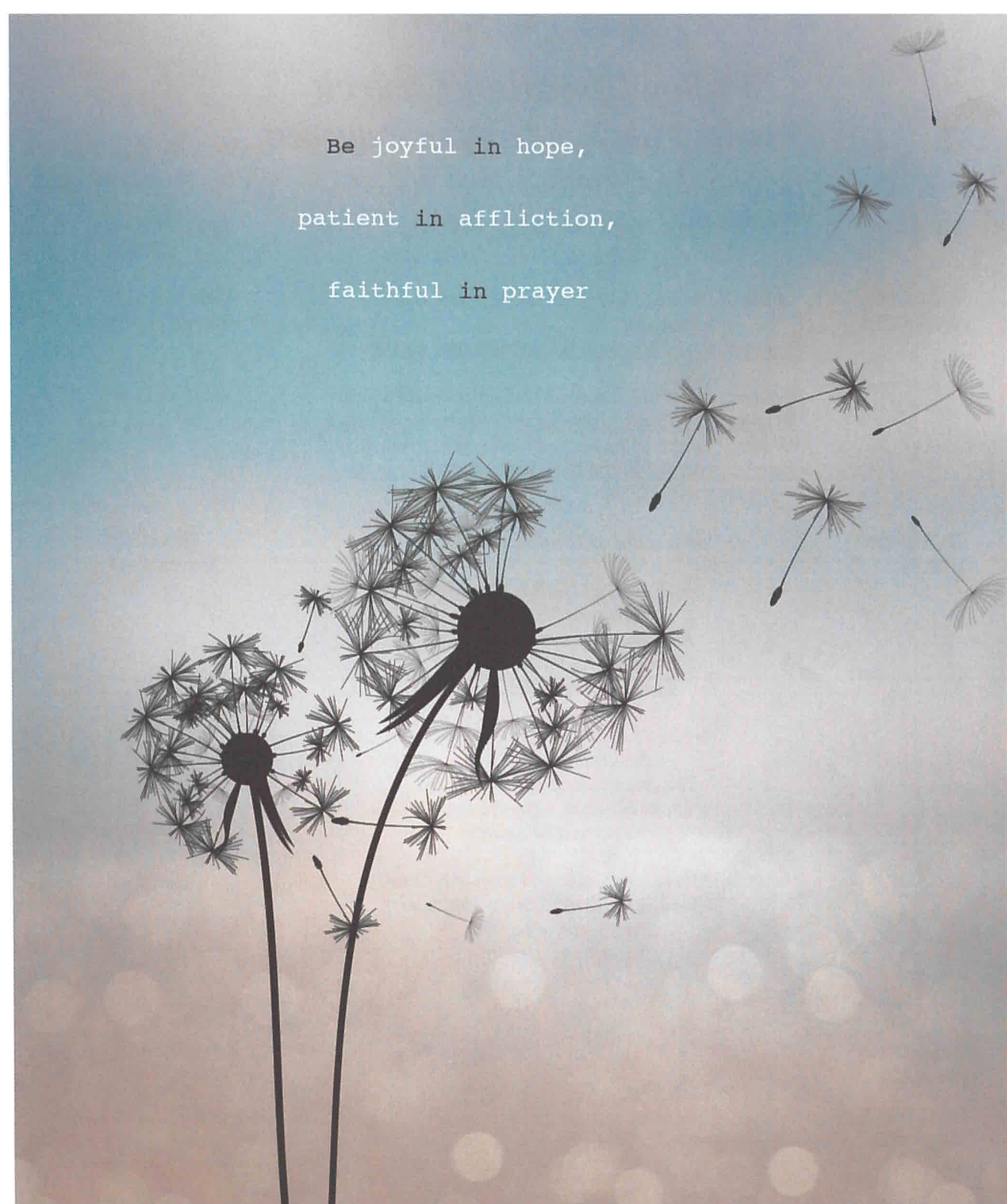
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POSTLUDE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

*Margaret Cox
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 joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer*

Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday, Oct 24 | 9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Pledge Sunday |
| Monday, Oct 25 | John and Jane Churchill's Anniversary |
| Tuesday, Oct 26 | 2:00 pm Manna Market Organic Produce, fellowship hall 6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1) John Neville's Birthday |
| Wednesday, Oct 27 | 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room |
| Thursday, Oct 28 | Kohler Collier's Birthday |
| Sunday, Oct 31 | 9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Start of "Yes I Can" GBM Pantry Event Halloween |

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
First Christian Church in Montgomery, Alabama*

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

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: Terry Nunnelly GREETER(S): Ted
Stuckenschneider and Jean Thrasher DEACONS: : Team 1, Leader – Carolyn Nunnelly
Members – Marilyn Cutcliffe, Stewart Draper, Terry Nunnelly, Sara Simon OPEN: Pastor
CLOSE: Terry Nunnelly COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Postponed

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me K Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, the life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!