



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-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

PRELUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of Christ must control our hearts

People: We are called into that peace as one body

Leader: Be thankful people that the Word of Christ will live within you

People: We sing to God with gratitude in our hearts

Leader: Whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus

People: We give thanks to God through Him

(Colossians 3:15-17, CEB)

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Open My Eyes that I May See"

Hymn 586
Verses 1 – 3

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth
Thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free*

Refrain

*Silently now I wait for thee ready my God thy will to see
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine*

*Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear
Refrain*

*Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth
Everywhere. Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share
Refrain*

OPENING PRAYER

Judy Sellers
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 18:10-20

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"A Meditation on Mediation"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"
Arranged by Craig Courtney

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 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

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

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

As the foremost mediator between us and our creator, Jesus gave us this meal to make tangible the intangible rewards of heaven through God.

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**

"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

*Hymn 602
Verses 1 – 4*

*O Master let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care*

*Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love
Teach me the wayward feet to stay
And guide them in the homeward way*

*Teach me thy patience still with thee
In closer, dearer company
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong
In trust that triumphs over wrong*

*In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way
IN peace that only thou canst give
With thee O Master let me live*

BENEDICTION

May the God who has delivered you here send you forth among the saints and taught by the saints, to be simultaneously saint and sinner, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

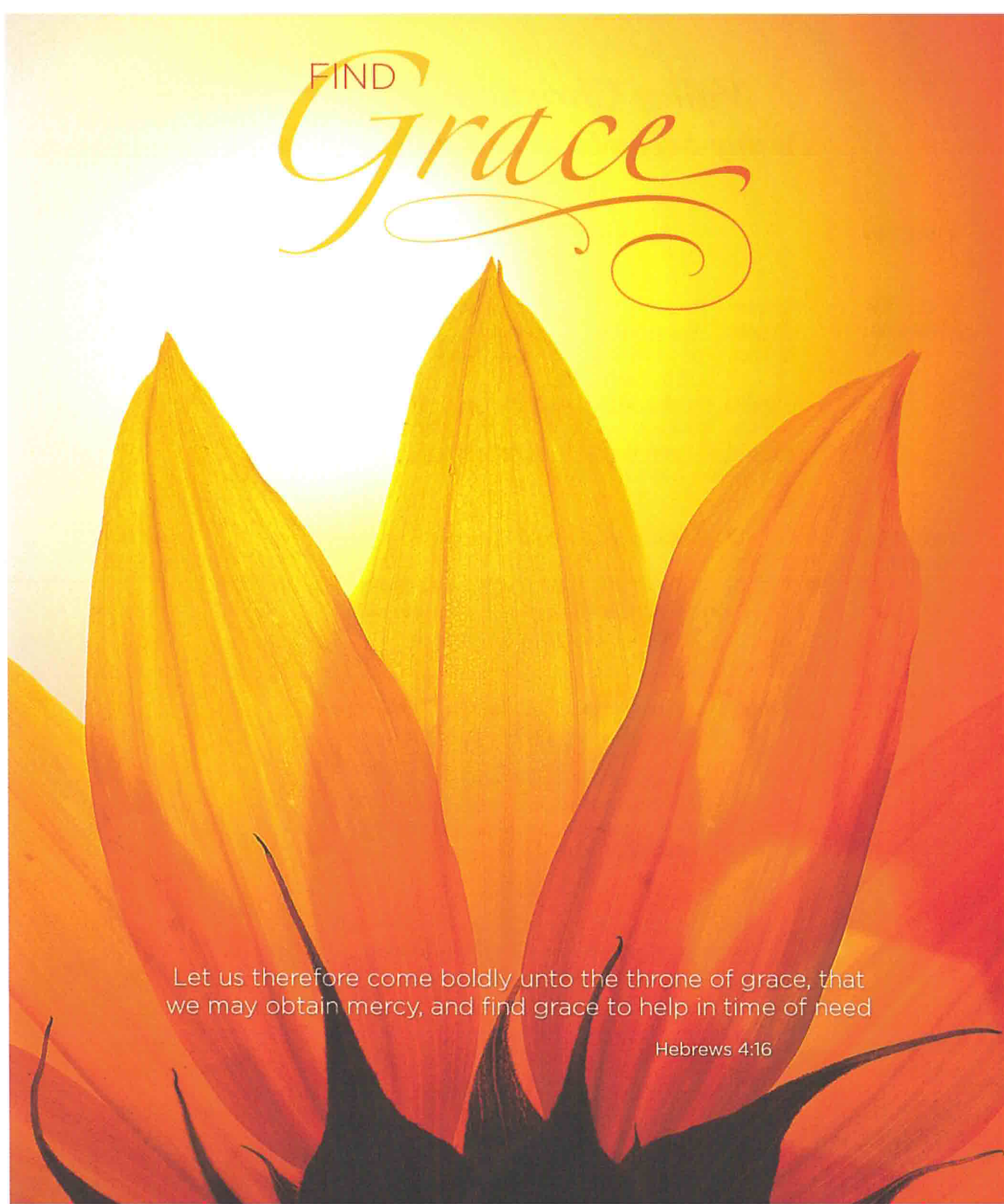
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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*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.



Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

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
Monday, Nov 1	All Saints Day Advent Booklet Deadline Voice Deadline Carol Speed's Birthday
Tuesday, Nov 2	6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1) 7:00 pm Barony Group
Wednesday, Nov 3	6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, Nov 4	Senior Adult Retreat – Rolling Hills
Friday, Nov 5	Senior Adult Retreat – Rolling Hills Carrie Atcheson's Birthday
Sunday, Nov 7	9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Food Pantry Sunday Finish of "Yes I Can" GBM Pantry Event

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
First Christian Church in Florence, 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: Judy Sellers 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

How Can I Keep From Singing? Arranged by Craig Courtney

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How Can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth.
No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?