



# 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](http://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-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 7, 2021

### PRELUDE

*"I Will Enter His Gates with This Is the Day"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be glad in the Lord always, again I say be glad

**People: The Lord is near**

Leader: Let your gentleness show in the care for others

**People: We will not be anxious**

Leader: Bring your prayers and petitions to God and give thanks

**People: Then the peace of God which exceeds all understanding will keep us in Christ Jesus**

(Philippians 4:4-7, CEB)

Clarence Sellers  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

*Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou art my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy present my light*

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my redeemer my love thou hast won  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one*

*Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art*

*Great God of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision O ruler of all*

Hymn 595  
Verses 1 – 4

### OPENING PRAYER

Clarence 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

Acts 7:23-35

Clarence Sellers  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

"Who Appointed Me?"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### ANTHEM

*"For Everyone Born"*  
Shirley Murray, Brian Mann, and Tom Trenney

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.

Clarence 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

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

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

Clarence Sellers  
Worship Leader

### CALL TO COMMUNION

We dare to minister to one another in the name of Christ—appointed and sent forth—because it was Christ who dared invite us to this feast so long ago.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Rev. John Gregory  
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**

*"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"*

*Hymn 559  
Verses 1 & 3*

*All the way my Savior leads me  
what have I to ask beside  
Can I doubt his tender mercy  
Who through life has been my guide  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort  
Here by faith in him to dwell  
For I know whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well*

*All the way my Savior leads me  
Cheers the winding path I tread  
Gives me grace for every trial  
Feeds me with the living bread  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul athirst may be  
Gushing from the rock before me  
Lo, a spring of joy I see*

*All the way my Savior leads me  
oh the fullness of his love  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above  
When my spirit, clothed immortal  
Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way*

**BENEDICTION** May the God who called you to preach and proclaim peace send you forth from God's house to bring such peace about, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

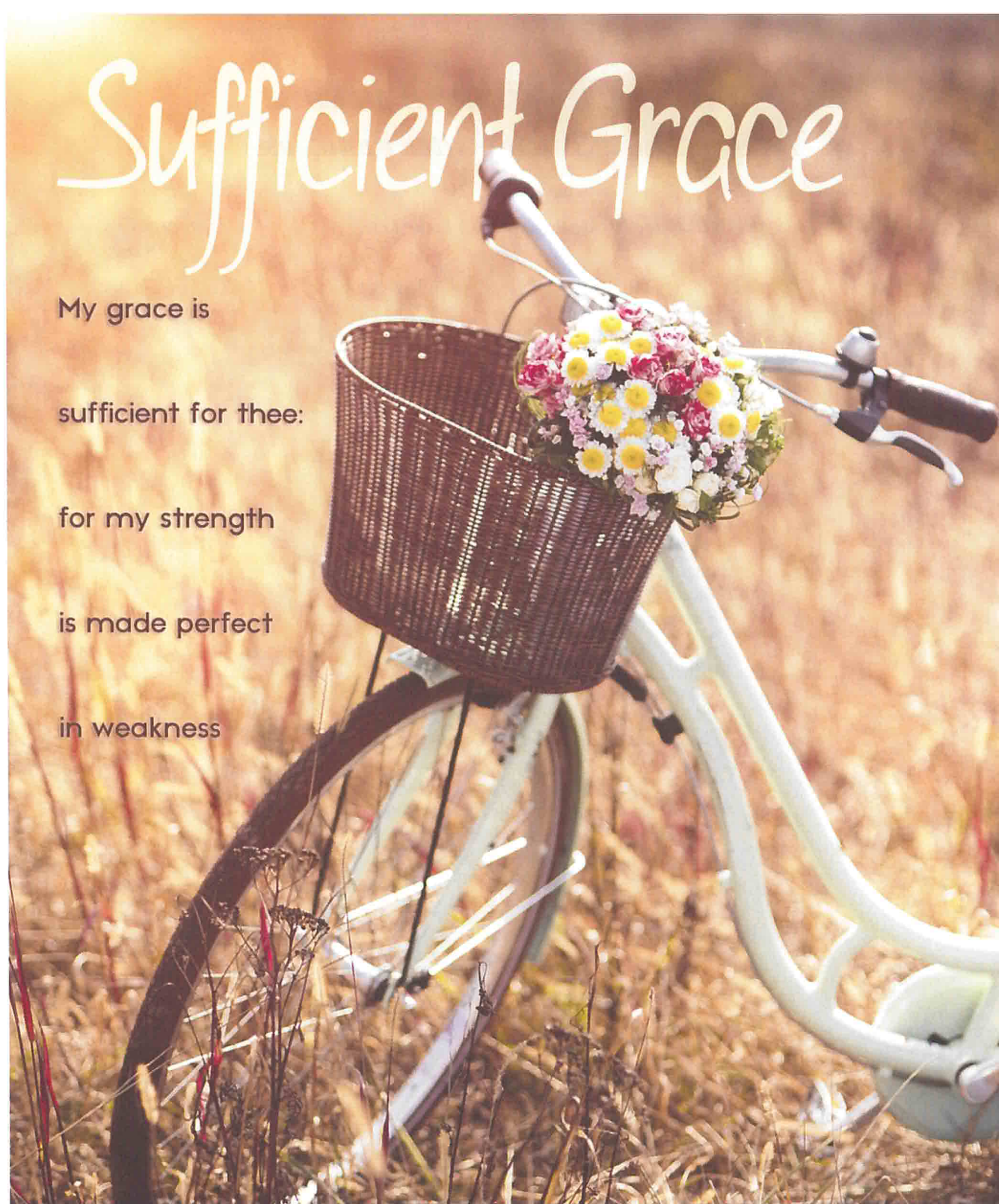
*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

*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.*

# Sufficient Grace

My grace is  
sufficient for thee:  
for my strength  
is made perfect  
in weakness



## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

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
Tuesday, Nov 9	11:30 am Men’s Luncheon – Taziki’s Colonnade 2:00 pm Manna Market Produce Sale 6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
Wednesday, Nov 10	9:30 am – AAA – Classic on Noble Rest. – Anniston, Alabama 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, Nov 11	Veteran’s Day
Friday, Nov 12	5:00 pm ESQG Friday Night Drive-In
Saturday, Nov 13	8:00 am ESQG Sit and Sew 9:00am – 12:00 pm – Valley Workday
Sunday, Nov 14	9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Thanksgiving Special Offering 12:00 pm Elders’ Meeting Zenaida Rodriguez’s Birthday

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

## For Everyone Born Shirley Murray, Brian Mann, and Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, as safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead.

### REFRAIN

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
compassion and peace;  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, Justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
For young and for old, the right to belong

### REFRAIN

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born the right to be free!

### REFRAIN