



# 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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

### PRELUDE

*"Count Your Blessings"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's riches, wisdom, & knowledge are deep  
**People: They are as mysterious as God's judgments and as hard to track as God's paths**

Leader: Who has known the Lord's mind?

**People: Who could possibly be God's mentor?**

Leader: All things are from God, through God, for God

**People: May the glory be to God forever**

(Romans 11:33-36, CEB)

John Neville  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"*

Hymn 490  
Verses 1 – 3, 5

*Sister let me be your servant  
Brother let me walk with you  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too*

*We are pilgrims on a journey  
Fellow travelers on the road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load*

*I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through*

*Brother let me be your servant  
Sister let me walk with you  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too*

### OPENING PRAYER

John Neville  
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

Romans 14:12-22

John Neville  
Worship Leader

#### MESSAGE

"Building Up Peace"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### ANTHEM

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*  
C.F. Alexander & Hal Hopson

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.

John Neville  
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

"Give Thanks"

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

John Neville  
Worship Leader

#### CALL TO COMMUNION

The acts of building—the planning, the construction, the labor—all of it takes energy, and we find nourishment for that holy work at this table.

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**

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
Love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

*Hymn 494  
Verses 1 & 3*

*We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand  
Together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
Love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
And save each one's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
Love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

*All praise to the Father from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
Love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who has built you up inside this sanctuary send you forth from it to build up others, and may the blessing of God be with you now and always, amen.

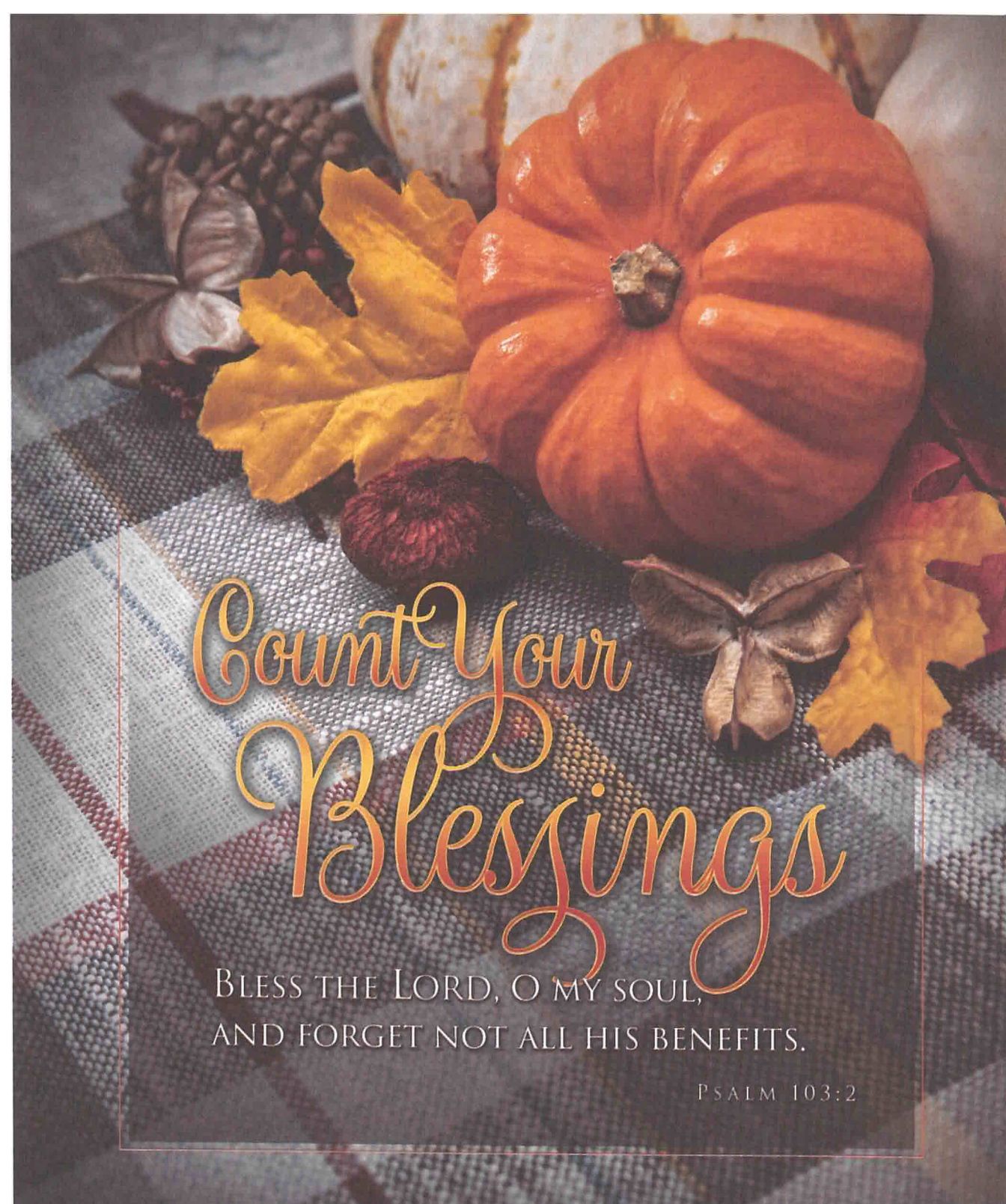
*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**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.*



## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

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
Monday, Nov 15	Voice Deadline
Tuesday, Nov 16	9:00 am BQG Sew Workshop 6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1) 7:00 pm Barony Group
Wednesday, Nov 17	6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, Nov 18	10:30am Disciples Women Matt Cutcliffe's Birthday
Saturday, Nov 20	Ginny Guindon's Birthday
Sunday, Nov 21	9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary 12:00 pm Board Meeting Thanksgiving Special Offering Advent Booklet Distributed

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
First Christian Church in Valhermoso Springs, 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: Ted Stuckenschneider WORSHIP LEADER: John Neville 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

## All Things Bright and Beautiful Cecil F Alexander and Hal H Hopson

### Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.

### Refrain

The purple headed mountains, the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

### Refrain

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden; God made them ev 'ry one.

### Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

### Refrain