



# 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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 21, 2021

### PRELUDE

*"We Gather Together"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With humility, set aside the growth of wickedness

**People: We welcome the planting of the Word in us**

Leader: This very Word is able to save you

**People: We will be doers of the Word, not only hearers**

Leader: Put the Word into practice in your lives

**People: That we may be blessed in whatever we do**

(James 1:21-25, CEB)

Katelyn Clark  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines"*

Hymn 711  
Verses 1 & 2

*O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love  
Delivered from our selfish schemes  
May swords of hate fall from our hands  
Our hearts from envy find release  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small  
As beats and cattle calmly grace  
A little child shall lead them all  
Then enemies shall learn to love  
All creatures find their true accord  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled  
For all the earth shall know the Lord*

### OPENING PRAYER

Katelyn Clark  
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

James 3:13-18

Katelyn Clark  
Worship Leader

#### MESSAGE

"The Seeds of Justice"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### ANTHEM

*"We Bring Thanksgiving,"* Pepper Choplin

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.

Katelyn Clark  
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

*Blessings medley"*

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

Katelyn Clark  
Worship Leader

#### CALL TO COMMUNION

Out of the injustices that follow this meal—betrayal, arrest, trial, and crucifixion—we are meant to work towards justice, and Christ shows us the way.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Sarah Draper  
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**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

*Hymn 717  
Verses 1 & 2*

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us  
By guiding us on to the end of our days  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night  
Till shadows have vanished all fearfulness banished  
As forward we travel from light into light*

*By law God enforces the stars in their courses  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who brought you here send you forth with thanksgiving on your lips this week and the next, and may God's blessing be with you now and always, amen.

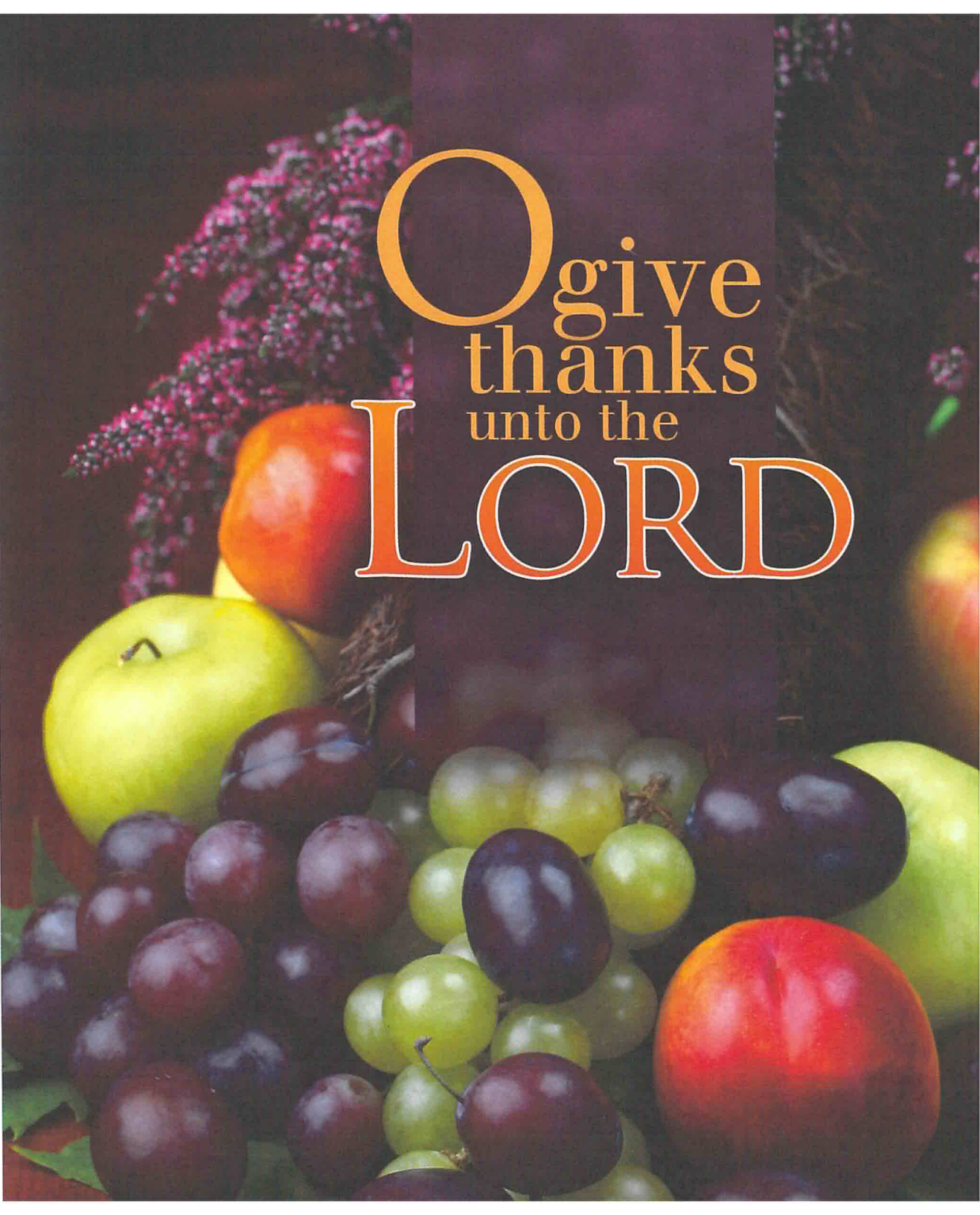
*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**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.*



O give  
thanks  
unto the  
LORD

## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

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
Tuesday, Nov 23	2:00 pm Manna Market Produce Sale 6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1) Advent Booklet Mailed
Wednesday, Nov 24	6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, Nov 25	Thanksgiving – Office Closed Darrell Nunnelly's Birthday
Friday, Nov 26	Black Friday – Office Closed Mary Dodson's Birthday
Sunday, Nov 28	9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
Fairfax Christian Church in Valley, 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: Sarah Draper    WORSHIP LEADER: Katelyn Clark    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

## We Bring Thanksgiving Pepper Choplin

We bring thanksgiving for the ways we are blessed,  
With gratitude, we offer You our best. But as we pray we thankful hands  
Through gratitude, was are blessed again.

As we count our blessings and name each gift, our worries fade, our spirits lift.  
For when our thanks to heav'n we send, through gratitude, we are blessed  
again.

We bring thanks to please you Lord, for that is what thanksgiving is for,  
but as our grateful prayers ascend, through gratitude we are blessed again.

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

We raise our songs with grateful hands, and through our worship we are  
blessed again.