



# 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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## Laity Sunday

January 23, 2022

### PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Heaven is declaring God's glory;  
People: **THE SKY IS PROCLAIMING HIS HANDIWORK.**

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

Leader: One day gushes the news to the next,  
People: **AND ONE NIGHT INFORMS ANOTHER WHAT NEEDS TO BE KNOWN.**

Leader: Of course, there's no speech, no words----  
People: **THEIR VOICES CAN'T BE HEARD----**

Leader: but their wound extends throughout the world;  
People: **THEIR WORDS REACH THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

"Here I Am, Lord"

Hymn 452  
Verses 1 - 3

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in darkest sin, My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them  
Whom shall I send?*

*(Refrain)*

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord, if You lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain  
I have born my peoples pain  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone,  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?*

*(Refrain)*

*I, the Lord of wind and rain  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save*

*Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)*

### OPENING PRAYER

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Bill Caughran

### 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...

Bill Caughran

### SCRIPTURE

Esther 4:12-17

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

"Turnaround"

Sarah Draper

### ANTHEM

"Ashokan Farewell"

John Neville  
Mandolin

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### 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.

Stewart Draper  
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

"The Servant Song"

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

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

**CALL TO  
COMMUNION**

Strength, like this meal, is both tangible and soulful, residing in both the physical and spiritual. May Jesus's sacrifice, in its vulnerability, offer us strength.

*Rev. John Gregory*

**COMMUNION  
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Katelyn Clark  
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. John Gregory*

*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**

*"Renew Your Church"*

*Hymn 463  
Verses 1 and 4*

*Renew your church, our ministries restore:  
both to serve and adore.*

*Make us again as salt throughout the land,  
and as light from a stand.*

*'Mid somber shadows of the night,  
where greed and hatreds spread their blight,  
O send us forth with power endued,  
help us, God, be renewed.*

*Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,  
each and all, humankind;  
break down old walls of prejudice and hate,  
leave us not to our fate.*

*As you have loved and given your life  
to end hostility and strife,  
O share your grace from heaven above,  
teach us, God, how to love.*

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARDS**

*Peggi Zinser*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God whose providence is your security send you forth to share that reassurance and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

*Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Stand Up for Jesus"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*The serving of food and drink indoors is temporarily suspended due to the delta and omicron variants of covid-19, but you are warmly invited to remain here in fellowship time after worship concludes.*

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need

Hebrews 4:16

FIND  
*Grace*

## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan 23	10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Laity Sunday
Monday, Jan 24	Voice Deadline Pastor Eric Atcheson's Birthday
Tuesday, Jan 25	6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Jan 26	6:30 pm: Choir Practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, Jan 27	Carolyn Nunnelly's Birthday
Friday, Jan 28	Arcadia Simon's Birthday
Saturday, Jan 29	9:00 am Valley Planning Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Jan 30	10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary

Anthem

John Neville  
Mandolin

“Ashokan Farewell”

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

*Please also be in prayer for our sister congregation, Macedonia Christian Church*

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday  
Pastor Eric's office hours: 9:30 am – noon, Monday – Thursday

### Today's Servers

ELDER: Katelyn Clark    WORSHIP LEADER: Ted Stuckenschneider    GREETER(S): To Be  
Announced    DEACONS: Team 2, Leader – Peggi Zinser    Members – Jim Taylor, Ginny  
Guindon, Carol Speed    OPEN: Pastor    CLOSE: Ed Guindon    COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:  
Postponed