



# 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 Edd Spencer

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# Valley Christian Church

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

### PRELUDE

*"Like a River Glorious"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For Mothers, whose love has sustained family life over the centuries,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Leader: For Mothers, whose wisdom has guided children through life,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Leader: For Mothers, whose concern has reminded us of the need to care for one another,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Leader: For Mothers, who by the example of their faith, have challenged us to build a stronger spiritual foundation for our lives.

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"The Gift of Love"*

Hymn 526

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.*

### OPENING PRAYER

Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"One Bread, One Body"

Rev. Edd Spencer

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38 John 2:1-11 John 19:25-27

Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

"Mary, Mother of Jesus"

Rev. Edd Spencer

### ANTHEM

*"Hymn of Promise"*  
Natalie Sleeth

VCC Choir directed  
by MaryEllen  
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.

Peggi Zinser  
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

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

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

Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

### CALL TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Judy 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. Edd Spencer*

*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**

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

*Hymn 113*

*Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.*

*Refrain*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know,  
As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to Me."*

*Refrain*

*Jesus loves me still today,  
Walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
Light and love to all who live.*

*Refrain*

**BENEDICTION**

Keep in mind always that the ultimate master you are serving is Christ. Be faithful in all your work. Go in His grace and in His name.

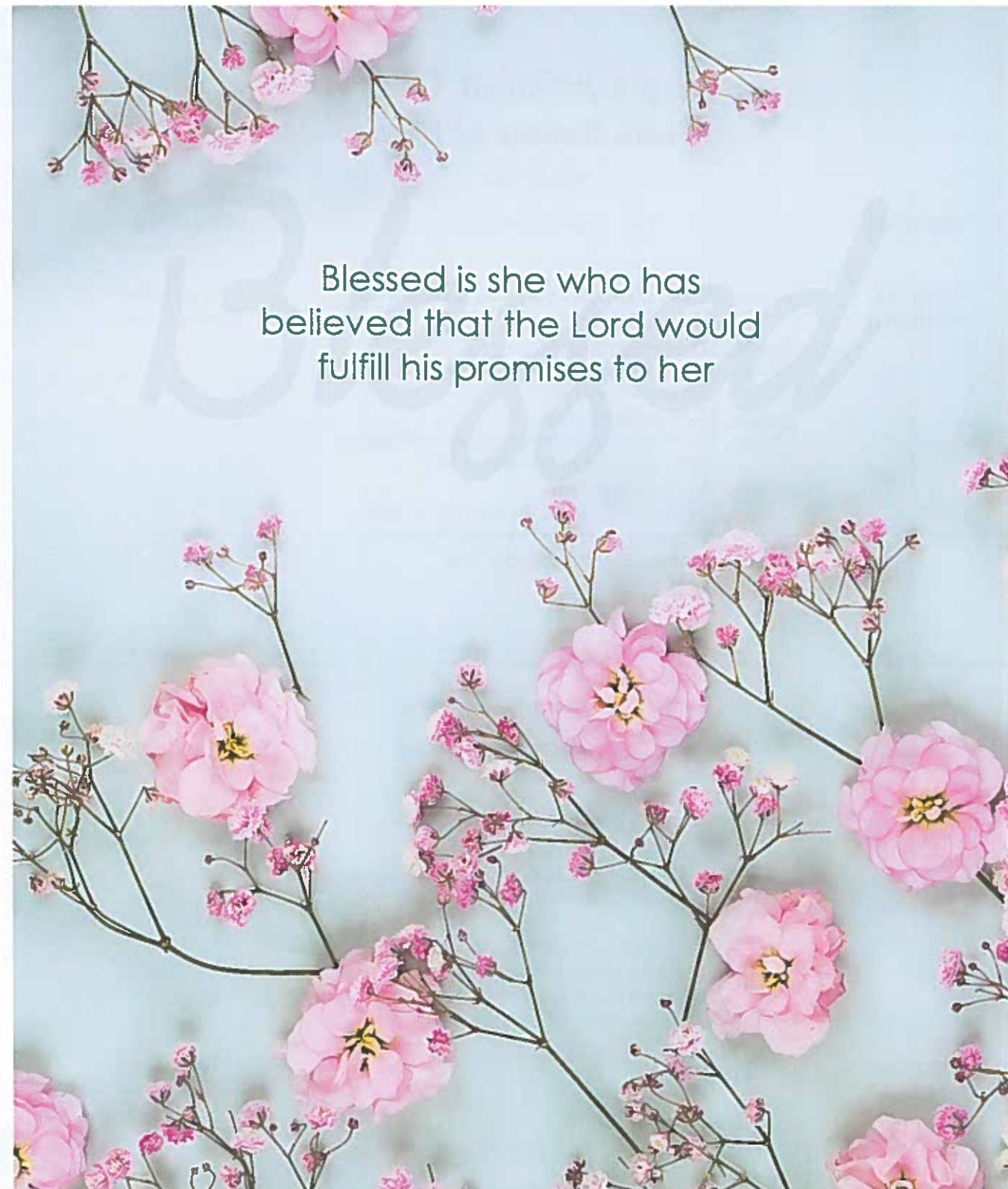
*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*Fellowship time after worship will be suspended for Mother's Day.*



## *Life in the Valley*

Sunday, May 8	Blankets of Hope Offering 10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00 pm Elders' Meeting Mother's Day
Monday, May 9	Voice Deadline 8:00 am Manna Market Prep (Fellowship)
Tuesday, May 10	11:30 am Men's Luncheon 2:00 pm Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 3:30 pm District II Ad Hoc Meeting (Parlor) 6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, May 11	6:30 pm: Choir Practice (Choir Room) 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, May 12	Edd Spencer's Birthday
Saturday, May 14	9:00 am ESQG Sit N Sew (Fellowship)
Sunday, May 15	Blankets of Hope Offering 10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00 pm Board Meeting Brett Simon's Birthday

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

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

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday  
Pastor Edd's office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Wednesday

### Today's Servers

ELDER: Judy Sellers WORSHIP LEADER: Peggi Zinser GREETERS: Carolyn Nunnelly  
and Beth Collier DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain: Ginny Guindon Members: Carol Speed, Ed  
Guindon and Tim Devine OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: John Gregory COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:  
None on Mother's Day

## Anthem

### “Hymn of Promise” Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons a hidden promise; Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter, There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me,  
From the past will come the future; What it holds a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; In our time infinity,  
In our doubt, there is believing; In our life, eternity  
In our death, a resurrection; At the last a victory  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.  
Unrevealed until its season something yet unknown, which God alone can see.