



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 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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New Year's Day

January 1, 2023

PRELUDE

"The Birthday of a King"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

WELCOME

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We thank You, Lord, for the privilege of seeing another new year.
People: For in You we live and move and have our being.
Leader: We thank You, Lord, for the many good things we have received and experienced during the year that is past.
People: For You have anointed our heads with oil and our cups overflow.
Leader: We thank You, Lord, that even amid sorrows and difficulties, You were with us,
People: For You led us beside still waters and restored our souls.
Leader: Now as we look to the future, make us sensitive to the limited time we have on this earth,
People: Teaching us to number our days, that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Leader: May we have the grace to leave behind the guilt, the hurts, the bad memories and the burdens of the past.
People: Forgetting what lies behind the straining forward to what lies ahead... So that we may be free to pursue the one goal that is worthy of the one lifetime You have given us.
Leader: Pressing on toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
People: We pray, Lord, that we may not be impelled to make nervous efforts to predict what will come, dabbling in those secrets which are Yours alone,
Leader: For the hidden things belong to God.
People: Rather, may we grasp enthusiastically the challenges of each new day, and may we faithfully perform the tasks You have set before us.
Leader: For that which is revealed belongs to us and to our children.

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

People: And grant, Lord, that as we plunge into the unknown, we will have with us a sense of Your presence and Your power,

All: For it is the Lord, who goes before us; He will not fail us or forsake us; we will not fear or be discouraged.

HYMN FOR THE NEW YEAR

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*Hymn 344
All Verses*

*I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, I still will follow;
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.*

*Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.*

PRAYER

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

ACTS OF RELEASE

Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Lifting Up a Promise"

Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION HYMN

"Fill My Cup Lord"

*Hymn 351
Verses 1 and 2*

*Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy
And then I heard my Savior speaking
"Draw from My well that never shall run dry"
[Refrain]
Fill my cup, Lord I lift it up, Lord*

*Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole*

*There are millions in this world Who are craving
The pleasures, earthly things afford
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord [Refrain]*

COMING FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:33-35
John 13:2-5; 12-15

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

THE SERMON

“The Chair”

Rev. Edd Spencer

**PASTORAL
PRAYER**

Rev. Edd Spencer

HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Hymn 557
Verses 1 and 2*

*I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long, As I walk, let me walk close to Thee*

[Refrain]

*Just a closer walk with Thee. Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord, let it be*

*Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?*

Who with me my burden shares?

None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

In the new year of 2023 may God bless us and keep us, may God's face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May God look upon us with kindness and give us peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

You are invited to join us for light refreshments in the church parlor after worship.

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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

“People Serving God Serving People”

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Life in the Valley

Sunday, Jan 1	New Year's Day 3:00pm Worship in the Parlor Food Pantry Sunday James Devine's Birthday
Monday, Jan 2	New Year's Day Observed (Office Closed) 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room) Stewart Draper's Birthday
Tuesday, Jan 3	6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Jan 4	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Thursday, Jan 5	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Friday, Jan 6	8:00am ESQG Quilt Workshop (Fellowship) 9:00am New Horizons Group (Sanctuary)
Saturday, Jan 7	8:00am ESQG Quilt Workshop (Fellowship) 9:00am Valley Work Day
Sunday, Jan 8	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Elders' Meeting

Please 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

WORSHIP LEADER: Ginny Guindon ELDER: Sarah Draper GREETERS: Carolyn Nunnely and Beth Collier DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain: Ginny Guindon Members: Carol Speed, Ed Guindon and Tim Devine OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Ed Guindon COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Sarah Draper

Scripture

Mark 9:33-35

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

John 13:2-5; 12-15

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.