



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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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023

PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Melodie Dean
Guest Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS Ted
Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader: A gift of a new day,
People: Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.
Leader: A new day with surprising miracles;
People: With love to be given,
Leader: Kindness to be shared
People: And peace to be enjoyed
Leader: A gift of a new day,
People: God's gift to us.
Leader: Let us receive this new day with joy,
People: And live it with gladness. For this is the day the Lord has made.

Ted
Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Day" Hymn 286

*This is the day, this is the day.
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made (sing twice).*

OPENING PRAYER Ted
Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "The Blessing" Rev. Edd Spencer

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-30 Ted
Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader

MESSAGE "A Wrestling Match" Rev. Edd Spencer

HYMN "He Touched Me" Hymn 564
Verse 1 & 2

*Shackled by a heavy burden 'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same
[Refrain]
He touched me, oh, He touched me
And oh, the joy that floods my soul
Something happened, and now I know
He touched me, and made me whole*

*Since I've met this blessed Savior
Since He's cleansed and made me whole
Oh, I will never cease to praise Him (to praise Him)
I'll shout it while eternity rolls [Refrain]*

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. Ted
Stuckenschneider
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 "Oh How He Loves You and Me" Melodie Dean
Guest 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 Ted
Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Carolyn Nunnelly
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 partake of communion together when the pastor says "take eat and take drink"

HYMN OF INVITATION

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

*Hymn 588
All Verses*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!*

BENEDICTION

The God who blesses us this day sends us out into the world to bless those we encounter. As we speak the words of peace and love to others, we will find our lives filled with these gifts, also. May we go with and to be the blessing of God Almighty. Amen.

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

"Love Lifted Me"

*Melodie Dean
Guest Pianist*

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Parlor after worship.

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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

"People Serving God Serving People"

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Life in the Valley

Sunday, Feb 12	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Elders' Meeting
Monday, Feb 13	6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Feb 14	10:30am AAA - Valentine Magic and Lunch featuring Edd Spencer 6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Feb 15	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Thursday, Feb 16	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship) 11:30am Men's Luncheon
Friday, Feb 17	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Sunday, Feb 19	Week of Compassion Offering Commercial Lenten Devotionals Distributed (Ash Wednesday – Easter) 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Cabinet Meeting

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
South Baldwin Christian Church in Foley, Alabama*

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: Ted Stuckenschneider ELDER: Carolyn Nunnelly
DEACONS/GREETER: Team 1 – Captain: Beth Collier Members: Terry Nunnelly, John
Gregory and Jean Thrasher OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: John Gregory COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:
Beth Collier

Scripture

Genesis 32:22-30

22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. 24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."