

# Valley Christian Church

## Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

### THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Were You There?/Crown Him With Many Crowns" Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### THE PROCESSIONAL OF THE LILIES

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Judy Sellers  
Elder  
Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ the Lord is Risen today! **Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**  
The tomb is empty. No body is there. **Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**  
Death no long has a sting. **Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**  
Sin no long has a hold on us. **Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**  
A new day has dawned! **Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**

John Gregory  
Worship Leader

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Hymn 216  
Verses 1-3

**\*INVITING PRAYER** John Gregory  
Worship Leader

### THE GIFT OF THE WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Resurrection Eggs Rev. Edd Spencer

**SCRIPTURE** John 20:1-18 (NT p. 114-115) John Gregory  
Worship Leader

**SERMON** "The Easter Story" Rev. Edd Spencer

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** "In the Garden!" Hymn 227  
All Verses

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** Rev. Edd Spencer  
Prayer cards are in the pews

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Edd Spencer

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE** John Gregory  
Giving of Tithes, Offerings  
Worship Leader

Offertory "He Lives!" Margaret Cox  
Pianist  
\*Doxology  
\*Offertory Prayer Hymn 48

### THE GIFT FROM JESUS

**INVITATION 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."  
*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"*

### SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "He Lives" Hymn 226  
All Verses

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** John Gregory  
Worship Leader

**\*BENEDICTION** May the blessings of God, who has overcome death, strengthen you this week. Go, following the risen Christ! Rev. Edd Spencer

**POSTLUDE** "Joyous Rhapsody, Bober" Margaret Cox  
Pianist

\*Congregation standing – as able or willing

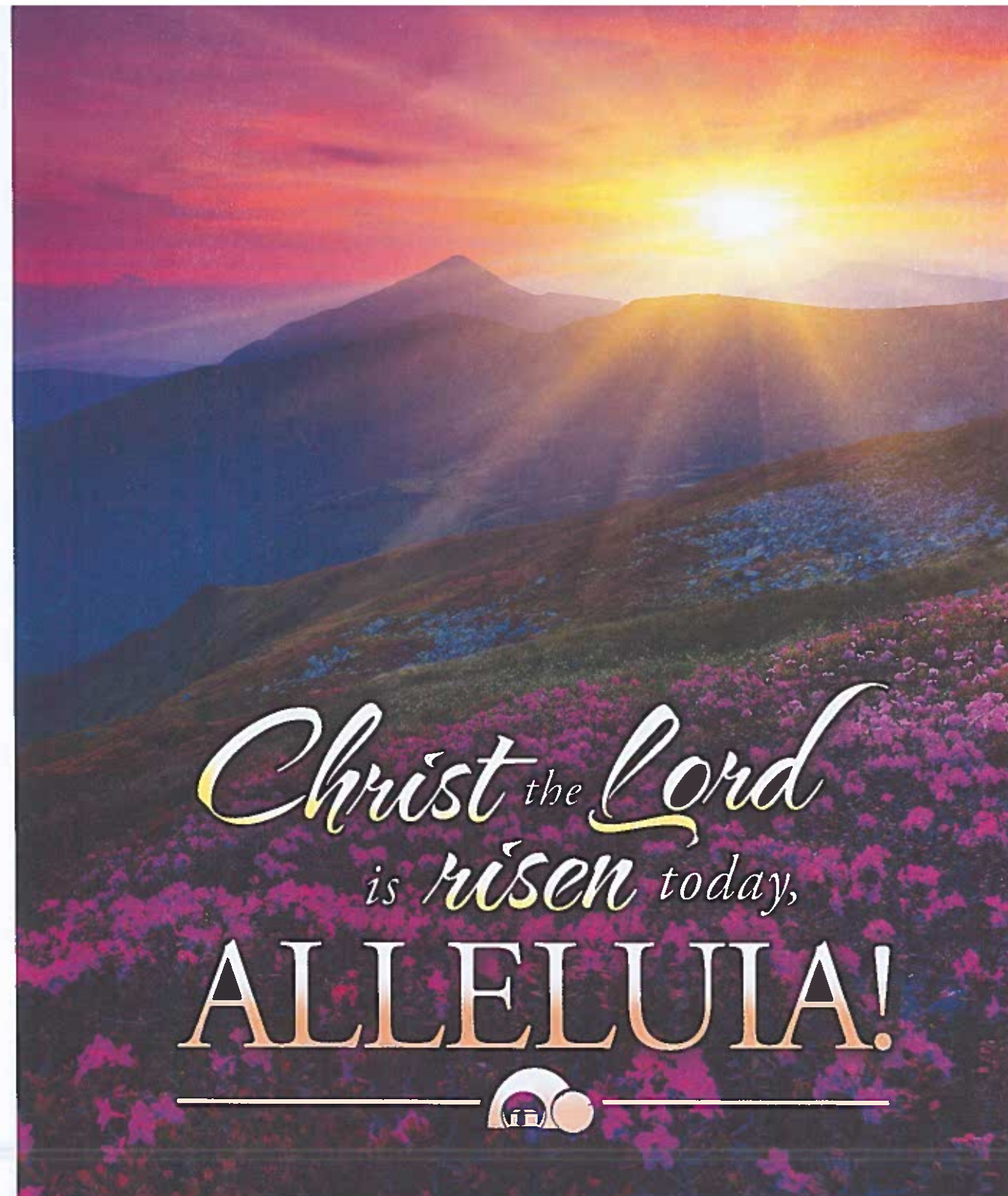
## *Life in the Valley*

Sunday, Apr 9	Easter Sunday 9:00am Breakfast (Fellowship) 10:00am Elders' Prayer Time 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) Easter Offering
Monday, Apr 10	Easter Observed (Office Closed) Voice Deadline 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Apr 11	9:00am BQG/ESQG National Lecture (Fellowship) 6:30pm Adult Bible Study Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Apr 12	9:00am BQG/ESQG National Lecture (Fellowship) 9:00am New Horizons (Sanctuary)
Thursday, Apr 13	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship) 10:00am Disciples Women (Classroom) 11:30am Men's Luncheon
Friday, Apr 14	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship)
Sunday, Apr 16	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00noon Cabinet Meeting

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: John Gregory ELDER: Judy Sellers DEACONS/GREETER: Team 1 –  
Captain: Beth Collier Members: Terry Nunnely, Jean Thrasher, and John Gregory OPEN:  
Pastor CLOSE: Terry Nunnely COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: None on Easter



*Christ the Lord*  
*is risen today,*  
**ALLELUIA!**

