

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 7, 2023

## THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*“Praise Him! Praise Him!”*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Ted  
Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come into this sanctuary from many places.

**We have come as individuals who long to be here and as individuals who are uncertain about who you are or how you are working in our lives.**

We have come into this sanctuary with many different perspectives.

**Some of us hold fast to the kingdoms of this world. Others are hoping for a new kingdom of God to be made real in our lives.**

We have come into this sanctuary to praise God.

**No matter who we are or what we bring, may our offering of praise be acceptable to you, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Ted  
Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

Hymn 27  
Verses 1, 3 & 4

### \*INVOCATION

Ted  
Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ted  
Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

### A CELEBRATION OF MARILYN IRELAND’S MINISTRY

Rev. Edd Spencer

### SCRIPTURE

*Luke 14:15-24 (NT p.77)*

Ted  
Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader

### SERMON

*“A Time for Celebration -  
The Parable of the Wedding Feast”*

Rev. Edd Spencer

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

Hymn 344  
Verses 1, 2 & 4

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer cards are in the pews

Rev. Edd Spencer

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes, Offerings

Ted  
Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader

### Offertory

*“Blessed Assurance”*

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. Amen.*

### \*Offertory Prayer

## THE GIFT FROM JESUS

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

Carolyn Nunnally  
Elder

### THE COMMUNION

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

*“Blessed Assurance”*

Hymn 543  
All Verses

### \*BENEDICTION

Hold hands with the person near you.

Rev. Edd Spencer

### POSTLUDE

*“To God Be the Glory”*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

\*Congregation standing – as able or willing

We welcome all our guests who are worshipping with us today at Valley Christian Church. We hope that you find it a meaningful experience and that you will come our way again soon. Please join us in the parlor after the service for a time of coffee and fellowship.

### *Life in the Valley*

- Sunday, May 7      Food Pantry Sunday – Canned Meats  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- Monday, May 8      Voice Deadline  
6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
- Tuesday, May 9      6:30pm Adult Bible Study Class by Zoom
- Wednesday, May 10      9:00am BQG Workshop (Fellowship)
- Friday, May 12      Edd Spencer's Birthday
- Saturday, May 13      8:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship)
- Sunday, May 14      Mother's Day  
10:00am Elders' Prayer Time  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:00pm Elders' 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: Ted Stuckenschneider   ELDER: Carolyn Nunnely   DEACONS/GREETER:  
Team 2 – Captain: Peggi Zinser   Members: Carol Speed, Clarence Sellers and Ted Stuckenschneider  
OPEN: Pastor   CLOSE: John Gregory   COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: John Gregory

# *Valley Christian Church*

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*“People Serving God Serving People”*

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