

# Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

The past two Sundays we have focused our thoughts on the greatness and majesty of God in the Lord's Prayer. Today we bring our thoughts down to earth in "Give us this day our daily bread". This petition reminds us that even our appetites are to be brought to the power of God.

This Sunday, we are going to try a new experience in worship. We are going to provide voice and video for the service. Please carefully follow the instructions listed below.

If you have not had the opportunity to join us for worship, I encourage you to do so this Sunday. The following phone numbers and links are the ones to dial between 10:15am and 10:30am. You can join in one of two ways:

**By telephone (audio only)**

312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 867 5713 3623

**By video with computer, tablet, or smartphone – click the link below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86757133623>

Today we remember that God provides food for the heart and food for the stomach.

You are special to me.

God Bless You, Edd

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## Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2020

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this Father's Day we remember that good fathers and mothers,  
People: Set rules and boundaries for their children,  
Leader: Not to display power,  
People: Or to simply control,  
Leader: But to make life good for the family,  
People: And for each member in the family.  
Leader: God, our heavenly Father,  
People: Also sets rules and boundaries for His children,  
Leader: To make life good for the family of faith,  
People: And for each member in God's family.  
Leader: So today Father wrap your special love around us,  
People: And make us children after your own heart.  
Leader: To our heavenly Father be the glory.  
People Amen.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"*

*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 Master today*

*Whiter than snow Lord wash me just now*

*As in Thy presence humbly I bow*

*Have Thine own way Lord*

*Have Thine own way*

*Hold over my being absolute sway*

*Filled with Thy spirit till all shall see*

*Christ only always living in me*

### INVOCATION

Our Father, from heaven you look down and see all of us. From your dwelling place, you watch all who live on earth. Under your watchful eye, may our hearts be right with you; may all that we do be honoring and pleasing to you. With childlike faith we love and trust you. In your holy name, Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

*Exodus 16:2-15*

*Matthew 6:9-11*

### MEDITATION

"Give Us Today Our Daily Bread"

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### HYMN

*"Become to Us the Living Bread"*

*Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed, renewed, and greatly comforted.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise your holy name, O Lord.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

O God, give us this day our daily bread. In this day you have made, we pray for wisdom to use time wisely, we pray for strength to face our problems courageously, we pray for patience to do our tasks carefully, we pray for compassion to care for others sensitively.

We pray for each other on this day, a day to worship where together we discover your presence, a day to praise you when our spirits are elevated through singing, a day to hear the scripture when your word fills our minds, a day to experience fellowship when we reach out in friendship to one another by telephone.

We pray for others on this day who are in hospitals and hoping for health, who are in difficult situations seeking peace and justice, who are depressed and are trying to find answers to life, who are hungry and are in need of physical bread and who are hungry and in need of spiritual bread.

Keep us grateful for this day, and caring for others for whom it is not a good day. Forgive us when we quickly tell others to have a good day, but do not help them to find ways to make it a good day. This is the day you have made. Give us this day our daily bread. Teach us how to rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

**CALL TO  
COMMUNION**

We come to receive at our tables a gift of God's grace in the symbols of the bread and wine.

**COMMUNION  
HYMN**

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

*Break Thou the Bread of Life, Dear Lord, to me, As  
Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea; Beyond  
the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord; My spirit pants for  
Thee, O Living Word.*

*Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As  
Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee; Then shall all  
bondage cease, All fetters fall, And I shall find my  
peace, My All in all.*

**COMMUNION  
PRAYER**

Pray together the Lord's Prayer

**HOLY  
COMMUNION**

Partake of the holy communion  
(Bread, juice or whatever is available to you)

**WORDS OF  
INSTITUTION**

Hear the words of Jesus when he said, "Take eat and  
take drink."

**SHARING OUR  
OFFERING  
WITH GOD**

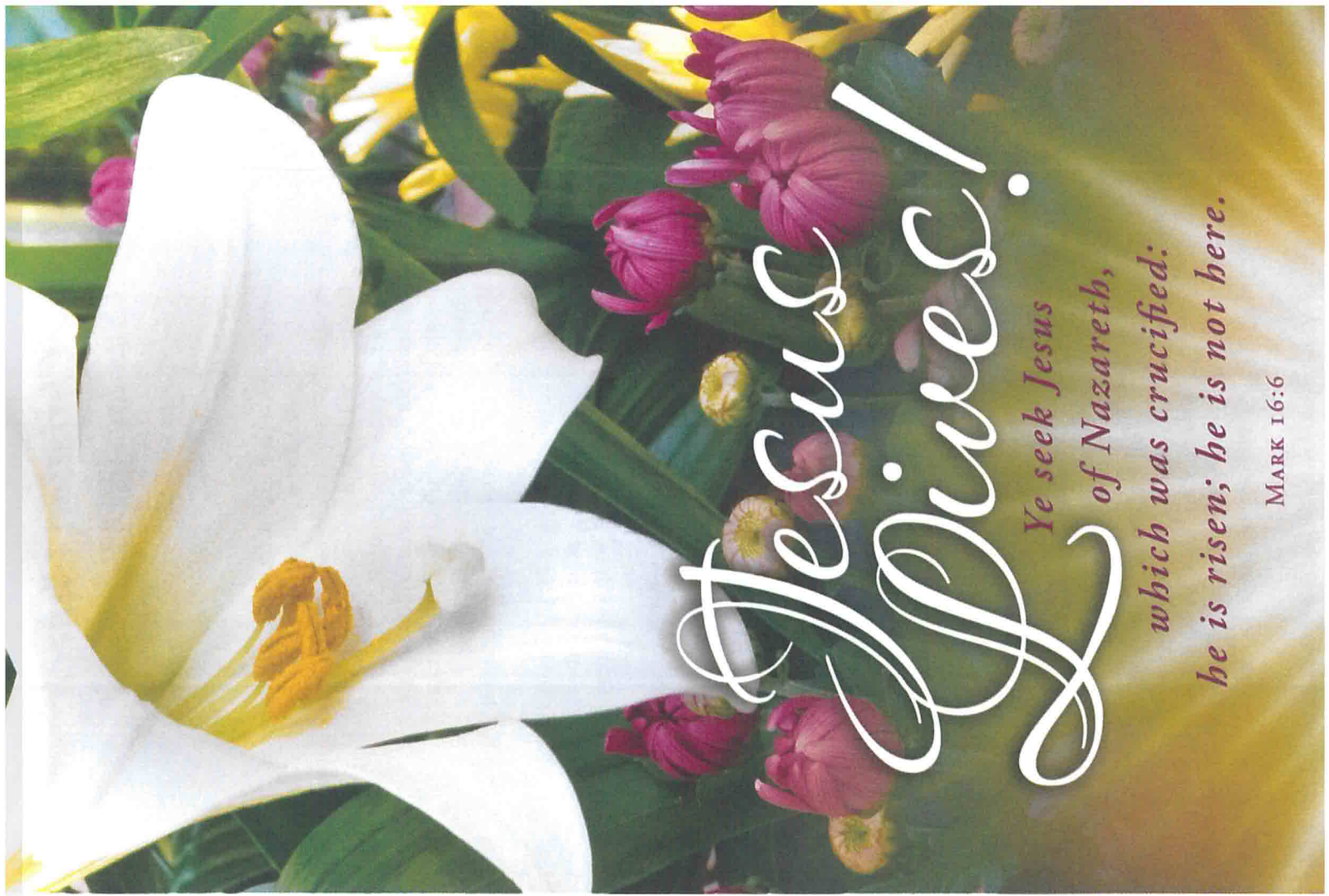
Share your church offering with the church by mail  
or bring it by the church office. Thank you for your  
love gifts.

**OFFERTORY  
PRAYER**

O God, use our offerings to share your grace and  
peace in this troubled world. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

You have been fed. The bread gives you life. The  
cup gives you joy. God is in you. Go and live as  
new people, now and always. Amen.



*Jesus!*

*Ye seek Jesus  
of Nazareth,  
which was crucified:  
he is risen; he is not here.*

## MEDITATION

### Sunday, June 21, 2020

“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

Preparing for a hike over the many miles of the Appalachian Trail includes how the food supply is to be managed. This will require deciding how much food is needed in order to last the entire trip. It is critically important to know how much food can be carried in a backpack.

In the morning scripture of Exodus 16:2-15, the Israelites left the slavery of Egypt to travel through the wilderness toward the holy land. In their hike they ran out of food, and they had absolutely no idea where the next meal was coming from. The Israelites complained bitterly to Moses, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the bread we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve us to death.” (Exodus 16:3). But God’s response was not to have an angel fly in with a big supply of food guaranteed to last several days until the next scheduled drop-off. God’s response was simply to provide one day’s rations one day at a time.

God told Moses that each day there would be just enough food provided to last for one day. The daily ration would include a fresh supply of meat in the evening and fresh supply of manna or “bread from heaven” in the morning.

The request in the Lord’s Prayer, “Give us this day our daily bread”, comes from the experience of the Israelites being fed in the wilderness. Bread and meat only one day at a time. God wanted to give the Israelites only one day’s supply of food to test their willingness to become totally dependent upon Him and to put their complete trust in His faithfulness. God said to Moses, “In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” (Exodus 16:4b). So when we pray in the prayer to our Savior, “Give us this day our daily bread”, we are indicating our complete  
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trust in God’s faithfulness to take care of us.

By instructing us to pray for our daily bread, the Lord reminds us that we all depend totally upon God for our daily needs. We depend on Him for our material needs, for our breath, for our life, for our companionship, for our emotional support, for our spiritual guidance, for our vision, for our hope, - for everything.

Give us this day our daily bread serves as a clear and unmistakable reminder that we are the children and God is the Father. We are the needy and God is the provider.

God has designed us to be dependent. From the moment we are born, we rely on the kindness of others to meet our needs. We need our parents to feed us. When we grow older, we depend on others for relationships. In other words, there is no such thing as a “self-made” person. We are dependent on God and each other.

So today let us pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” May our prayer be the following prayer offered by Max Lucado.

Today, I will live today,  
Yesterday has passed and tomorrow is not yet.  
I am left with today.  
Relive yesterday? No.  
I will learn from it.  
I will take joy in it.  
But I won’t live in it.  
The sun has set on yesterday.  
The sun has yet to rise on tomorrow.  
I can’t change tomorrow until tomorrow.  
Today, I will live today.  
I will face today’s challenges with today’s strength.  
I will celebrate today’s opportunities with today’s hope.  
I will remember that today I receive the bread and love of God.  
Today I will depend on God. Amen