



# Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

Whew! January is almost over, but a new sermon series is beginning, to get us through to the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17. I am happy to share with you this Sunday the first installment of this three-part sermon series on Josiah, the final righteous king of Judah, in the 600s BCE. Josiah was crowned king at the age of eight following the assassination of his father, Amon, and he proceeded on an ambitious agenda of religious reforms to repair the damage done by Amon and Amon's father, Manasseh. Josiah's story is a compelling one, and I look forward to starting to unpack it with all of you!

Please use following phone numbers and links between 10:15am and 10:30am. 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](http://www.vccbhm.org) with the passcode 205879 OR click on "Zoom Links" then the Sunday Worship link.)

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Christ's and yours,  
Pastor Eric

# Valley Christian Church

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2021

### PRELUDE

*"Be Still My Soul"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will thank you Lord, with all my heart  
People: I will talk about all your wonderful acts  
Leader: I will celebrate and rejoice in you  
People: I will sing praises to your name, Most High  
Leader: The Lord is a safe space for the oppressed, a safe place in difficult times.  
People: Those who know your name trust you, because you've not abandoned any who seek you Lord  
Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, who lives in Zion  
People: Proclaim his mighty acts among all the people (Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11, CEB)

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

*I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save  
I made the stars of night, I'll make the darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*(Refrain)*

*Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*

*I the Lord of snow and rain, I've borne my peoples pain  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?*

*Refrain*

*I the Lord of wind and flame, I'll tend the poor & lame  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied*

*I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?*

*Refrain*

### INVOCATION

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

Eternal God, our prayers to you are tiny compared to your majesty, and yet for us they are at the very core of our relationship with you. We pray when we have words and when we don't, when it is easy for us and difficult for us. And every Sunday sabbath morning, we pause and pray to you on behalf of the people we have named aloud and the people and communities who are in the silence of our souls, as we lift up to you the ones whom we have named aloud at this time...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 22:2-13

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

"Hilkiah has Given a Book"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### HYMN

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

*How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word  
What more can be said than to you God has said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled*

*Fear not, I am with thee, oh be not dismayed  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow  
For I will be near thee thy troubles to bless  
And sanctify thee thy deepest distress*

### SHARING OUR OFFERING WITH GOD

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

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

**OFFERTORY  
PRAYER**

As we remember Christ's sacrifice and ransom for sin,  
we remember that He did so to seek God's kingdom  
and righteousness for each of us.

*Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader*

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**CALL TO  
COMMUNION**

*"Seek Ye First"*

**COMMUNION  
HYMN**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God & God's righteousness  
And all these things shall be given unto you  
Allelu, alleluia*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia*

**COMMUNION  
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Sarah Draper  
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."

*As the Words of Institution are spoken, you are  
invited to partake in the bread and juice, or whatever  
is available to you.*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who has given you the divine Word on  
your heart and on your lips send you forth to share that  
Word across the wholeness of your life, and may the  
blessing of God be with you now and always, Amen.

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Doxology"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*You are warmly invited to remain in our Zoom worship space for some online  
fellowship time following the postlude.*

