



Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

I am happy to share with you this Sunday the third and final installment of our three-part sermon series on Josiah, the final righteous king of Judah, in the 600s BCE. We have spent the past two weeks reading about Josiah's discovery of the Torah scroll and its authentication by the prophetess Huldah; now, we spend today reading about the fruits of Josiah's religious reforms before his untimely death in battle at Megiddo against the invading Pharaoh of Egypt, Neco. Josiah's life was cut short, but his zealously pro-YHWH legacy loomed large over Judah in its waning decades, and it remains instructive to us still today.

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 with the passcode 205879 OR click on "Links to Zoom" then the Sunday Worship link.)

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Christ's and yours,
Pastor Eric

Valley Christian Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 14, 2021

PRELUDE

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All you who are righteous, shout to the Lord
People: It is right for those who do right to praise God
Leader: Sing to him a new song, play your best with joyful shouts
People: Because the Lord's word is right, his every act is done in good faith
Leader: He loves righteousness and justice
People: The Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth

*Ted Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader*

(Psalm 33:1, 3-5, CEB)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Trust and Obey"

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word
What a glory he sheds on our way
When we do his good will he abides in us still
And with all who will trust and obey
Trust and obey for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share
But our toil he will richly repay
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross
But is blest if we trust and obey
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit as his feet
Or we'll walk by his side in the way
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go
Never fear, only trust and obey
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

INVOCATION

*Ted Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of eternity and eternal life, compared to your endlessness, our own earthly lives are as fleeting as the sunrise, and yet you call us to take moments out of that life—moments like these—to center ourselves in your presence so that we might pray to you as we ought, out of love, faith, and devotion. In that spirit, we pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places that are in the silence of our souls, as we lift up to you those we have named aloud at this time...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 23:21-30

*Ted Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader*

MESSAGE

"Megiddo"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

HYMN

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Guide me O thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim thru this barren land
I am weak but thou art mighty
Hold me in thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me til I want no more,
feed me til I want no more*

*Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing waters flow
Let the fire & cloudy pillar lead me all my journey thru
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Bear me through the swelling current
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee*

**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.

*Ted Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader*

**OFFERTORY
PRAYER**

*Ted Stuckenschneider
Worship Leader*

**CALL TO
COMMUNION**

As we remember Christ's own short time on Earth, we also remember that God responds to death with the covenant of life that is made known to us in this meal.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

**COMMUNION
HYMN**

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

*Be known to us in breaking bread
But do not then depart
Savior abide with us and spread
Thy table in our heart*

*There sup with us in love divine
Thy body and thy blood
That living bread, that heavenly wine
Be our immortal food*

**COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Clarence 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."

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 loves you beyond all measure send you forth to reflect that love to all, and may the blessing of God be with you now and always, Amen.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

POSTLUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

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

*How great
thou art!*

*When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim:*

*"My God, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!*