



Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

I am happy to share with you this Sunday the second installment of my Lenten sermon series, “We Were There: Lenten Edition,” developed in consultation with Lola Kiser. We adapted the first-person format of Valley’s lovely Advent devotional book, “We Were There,” picking out fourteen eyewitnesses to Holy Week. Some of their voices will be in our Holy Week devotional, and some are in this sermon series. Today’s voice is that of Caiaphas, the high priest, as we take a very mindful look at his role in the story, and how we as Christians can read the Passion narrative constructively, without contributing to antisemitism.

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

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

PRELUDE

"At the Cross"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You must be patient as you wait for the coming of the Lord.

People: Wait patiently, strengthen your resolve, because the coming of the Lord is near.

Leader: Take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of patient resolve.

People: We honor those who practice such endurance.

Leader: You've seen what the Lord has accomplished,

People: For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

(James 5:7, 9-11, CEB)

*Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader*

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*Lord who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray*

Teach us with you to mourn our sin & close by you stay

*As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win
O give us strength in you to fight
And in you to conquer sin*

*And through these days of penitence
And through your passio[n]tide
Forever more in life and death O Christ with us abide*

*Abide with us that through this life
Of doubts and hope and pain
An Easter of unending joy we may at last attain*

INVOCATION

*Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Fiercely loving God, when we find ourselves feeling unworthy of your deep love, you remind us that it is you who find us worthy of love, not the other way around. We love you and cannot help but love you because you created us out of love. It is out of this shared love, ours for you and yours for us that we turn to you in prayer each Sunday. We pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places who are in the silence of our souls, as we lift up to you the ones who we have named aloud at this time...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth

*Bill & Mary Ellen
Caughran*

SCRIPTURE

John 11:47-52

*Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader*

MESSAGE

"Caiaphas"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

HYMN

"Where He Leads Me"

*I can hear my Savior calling
I can hear my Savior calling
I can hear my Savior calling
Take my cross and follow, follow me*

*Refrain
Where He leads me I will follow
Where He leads me I will follow
Where He leads me I will follow
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way*

*He will give me grace and glory
He will give me grace and glory
He will give me grace and glory
And go with me, with me all the way*

Refrain

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.

*Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader*

**OFFERTORY
PRAYER**

*Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader*

**CALL TO
COMMUNION**

May we remember that every journey, from Christ's to the cross to our own walk of faith, requires sustenance along the way, which we can find in this meal.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

**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*

*O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me
Touch thou my longing eyes that I may see
Give me to eat and live with thee above
Teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love*

**COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Ted Stuckenschneider
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 God send you forth to share the Word, to reflect the Son, and to bring love to all, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, Amen.

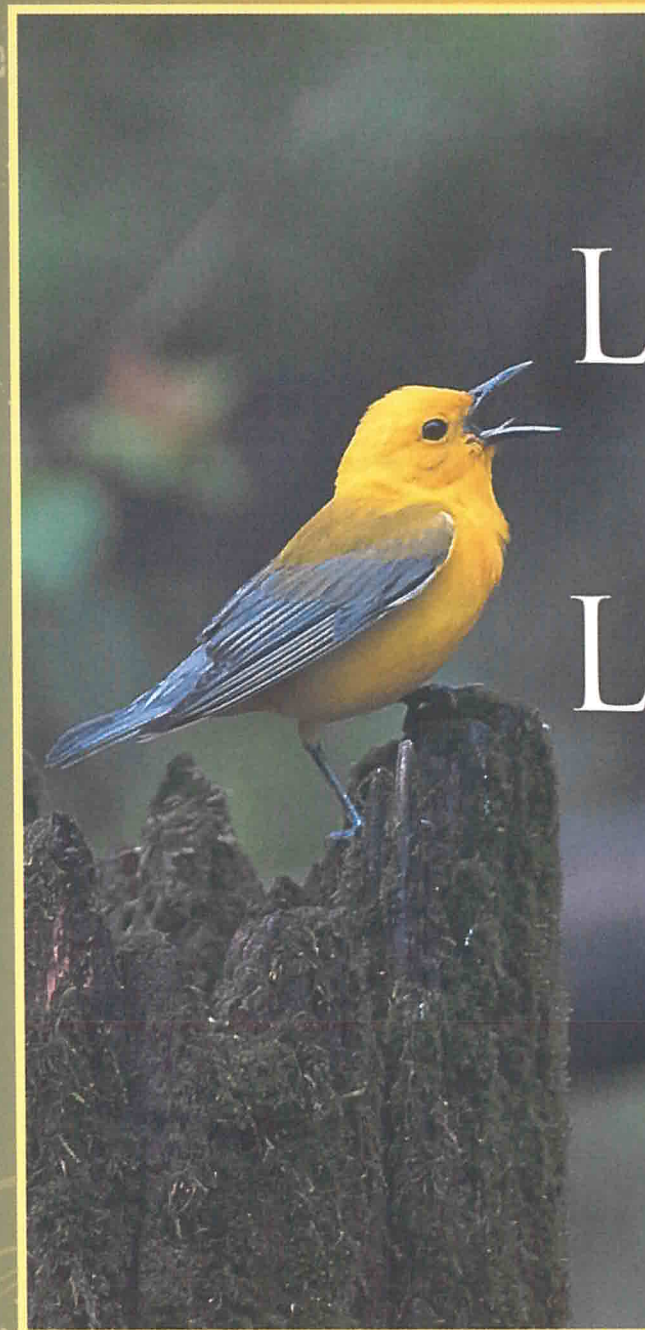
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POSTLUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

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



*O sing
unto the
LORD
a new song:
sing
unto the
LORD,
all the
earth*