



Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

We would be very pleased to have you join our Sunday morning worship on Zoom by using the following instructions.

Please use these phone numbers and links between 10:15am and 10:30am Central Time. 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 and click on “Links to Zoom” then click on the Sunday Worship link.)

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Christ's and yours,

Pastor Eric Atcheson

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Valley Christian Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

PRELUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Teach us your way, LORD, so that we can walk in your truth

People: Make our hearts focused only on honoring your name

Leader: We give thanks to you, LORD, our God, with all our hearts

People: We will glorify your name forever

Leader: For your faithful love toward us is awesome

People: And because you have rescued our lives

(Psalm 86:11-13, CEB)

Katelyn Clark
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Hymn 56
Verses 1, 2, 5

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

*For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

OPENING PRAYER

Katelyn Clark
Worship Leader

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God, in such holy and sacred moments with you and before you, we pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places that are in the silence of our souls. We lift them to you at this time...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 8:1-8

Katelyn Clark
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"Zechariah"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"Heading for the Promised Land," Nathalie Sleeth & Lloyd Larson

VCC Choir directed by
Mary Ellen Caughran

CALL TO OFFERING

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

Elena Huegel
Global Ministries

Our deacons will come by each pew to collect the offering. Simply place your offering and any contact/prayer cards into the plate when it is offered to you. Please do not pass the plate.

OFFERTORY

"God Will Take Care of You"

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*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Katelyn Clark
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

Communion entails community—there is a reason why the two words are so similar. We enter into community at this table with both each other and with God.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Rev. John Gregory
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."

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please do not unmask to partake of communion during the Words of Institution until asked to do so. Place your mask back fully over your nose and mouth immediately afterwards.

HYMN OF INVITATION

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Hymn 530
Verses 1 – 4*

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul (in my soul)
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (in my soul)
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (in my soul)
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul*

*I've got peace like a river, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (in my soul)
I've got peace like a river, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got love like an ocean in my soul*

BENEDICTION

May the God who has called you here in love send you forth in that same love to all God's people, and may the blessing of that God be with you now & always, amen.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

The serving of food and drinks indoors is temporarily suspended due to the delta variant of covid-19, but you are warmly invited to remain here in fellowship time after worship concludes.



Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 22	10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary Registration for Autumn Sunday School Classes
Monday, August 23	Voice Deadline Ann Johnsey's Birthday Jennie McElroy's Birthday
Tuesday, August 24	6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
Wednesday, August 25	9:30 am AAA Trip to the Bankhead House in Jasper, AL 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room Bill McDaniel's Birthday
Friday, August 27	Sara Simon's Birthday
Sunday, August 29	Senior Adult Sunday 10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary Registration for Autumn Sunday School Classes

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
Cottondale Christian Church in Cottondale, Alabama*

*Please also be in prayer for our sister congregation, Macedonia Christian Church, and our
neighbors at Primera Iglesia Cristiana*

*Our international mission partner, Elena Huegel, is currently stateside
from her mission in Mexico*

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday
Pastor Eric's office hours: 9:30 am – noon, Monday – Thursday

Today's Servers

ELDER: John Gregory WORSHIP LEADER: Katelyn Clark GREETER(S): Peggi Zinser
and Stewart Draper DEACONS: Team 1, Leader – Carolyn Nunnelly Members – Marilyn
Cutcliffe, Stewart Draper, Terry Nunnelly, Sara Simon CLOSE: Ed Guindon COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP: Postponed

"Headin' for the Promised Land" Natalie Sleeth and Lloyd Larson

Brother Sister, lend an ear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Troubles soon will disappear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
When I reach it there will be love and happiness a waitin' for me.
Come along and you will see! I'm headin' for the promised land!

I'll be singin' freedom's song. I'm headin' for the promised land!
that's the place where I belong, I'm headin' for the promised land!
I'll get there one day I know; now I've started, I'm a rarin' to go
where the milk and honey flow. I'm headin' for the promised land!

O, listen don't you hear that trumpet, sounding forth the call?
O, children, won't you rise and follow, one and all?

Better days are now in view, I'm headin' for the promised land!
All my dreams are comin' true, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Want to leave the past behind, face the future with a hopeful mind.
Peace and joy I'll surely find, I'm headin' for the promised land!

O, listen don't you hear that trumpet, sounding forth the call?
O, children, won't you rise and follow, one and all?

Brother, sister, lend an ear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Troubles soon will disappear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
When I reach it there will be Love and happiness a waitin' for me.
Come along and you will see! I'm headin' for the promised land!