



# 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](http://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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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

### PRELUDE

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will sing of the LORD's loyal love forever

**People: We will proclaim your faithfulness from one generation to the next**

Leader: We say your loyal love is rightly built forever

**People: You establish your faithfulness in heaven**

Leader: We will build up your throne from one generation to the next

**People: Mighty God your faithfulness surrounds you**  
(Psalm 89:1-2, 8, CEB)

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Hymn 609  
Verses 1, 4 – 6

*Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise*

*Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt  
Choose, every power as thou shalt choose*

*Take my will & make it thine, it shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is thine own it shall be thy royal throne  
It shall be thy royal throne*

*Take my love my Lord  
I pour it at thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee  
Ever, only, all for thee*

### OPENING PRAYER

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### 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

#### SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:4-15

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

#### MESSAGE

"Malachi"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### ANTHEM

"Grace," Carolyn Hamlin

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.

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

*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

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

Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader

#### CALL TO COMMUNION

This table, like Malachi himself, represents an end to an earthly ministry. But it also—again like Malachi—represents a future of new and fantastic possibilities.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### 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."

*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**

*"Rise Up, O Saints of God"*

*Hymn 611  
Verses 1 – 3*

*Rise up, O saints of God, have done with lesser things  
Give heart and soul and mind and strength  
To serve the King of Kings*

*Rise up, O saints of God, the kingdom tarries long  
Bring in the day of righteousness  
And end the night of wrong*

*Rise up, O saints of God, the church for you doth wait  
With strength unequal to the task  
Rise up and make it great*

*Lift high the cross of Christ, tread where Christ's feet  
have trod. Come sisters, brothers to the faith  
Rise up, O saints of God*

**BENEDICTION**

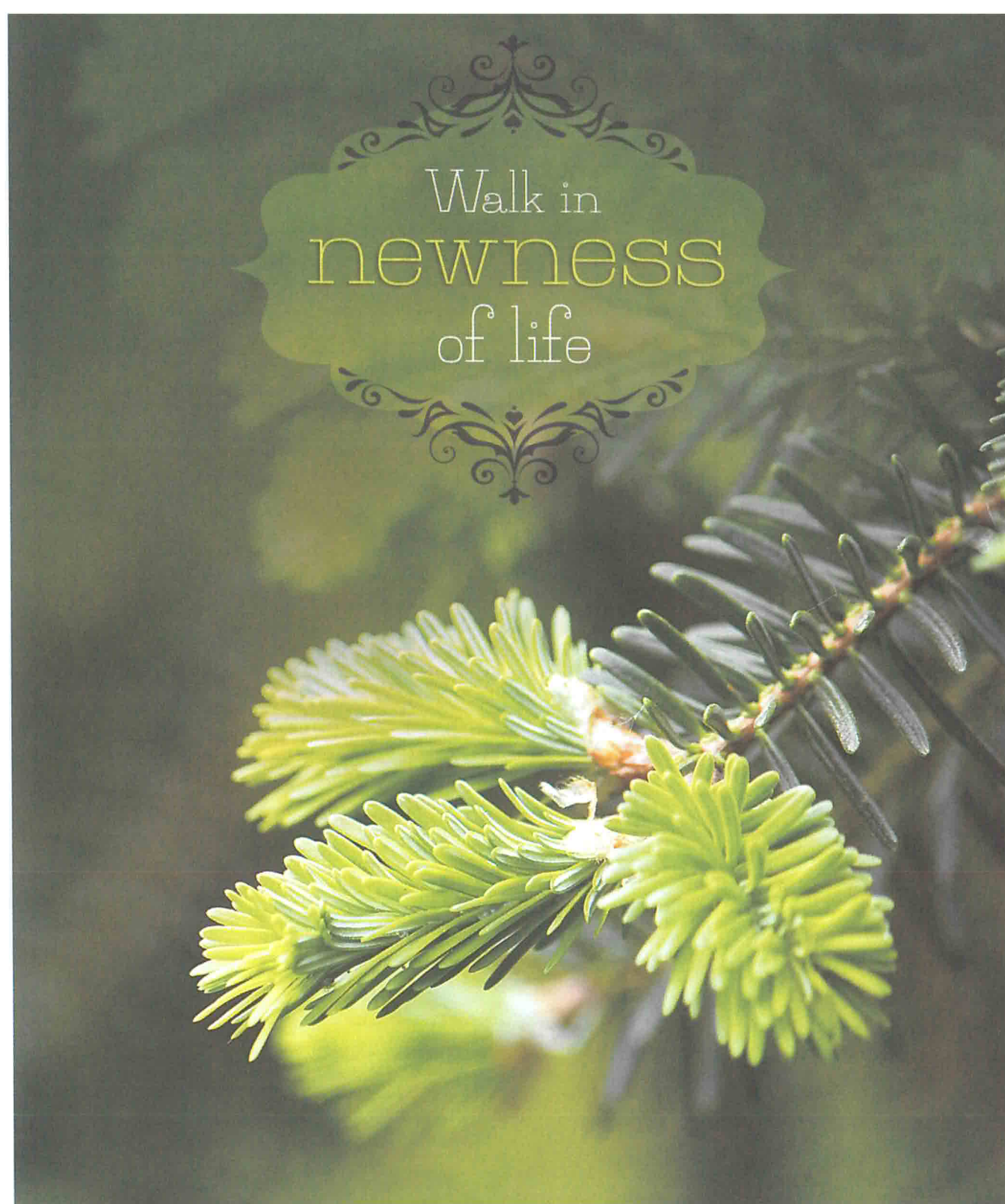
May the God who seeks you out with words of challenge and comfort alike send you forth to seek out and save the lost and loved, and may the blessing of that God be with you on this day and on all days, amen.

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

*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 29      Senior Adult Sunday  
10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary  
11:30 am Wedding Cake outdoors to celebrate Lauren and David Lambert's marriage  
Registration for Autumn Sunday School Classes
- Tuesday, August 31      2:00 pm Manna Market  
6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
- Wednesday, Sept 1      6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room  
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
- Sunday, Sept 5      Food Pantry Sunday  
9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series  
10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
Union Christian Church in Tuskegee, 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: Sarah Draper    WORSHIP LEADER: Stewart Draper    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 – However, there will be cake outdoors to celebrate Lauren Simon  
Lambert and David Lambert's marriage.

## **"Grace" by Carolyn Hamlin**

Lord, as I seek Your guidance for the day, I find my thoughts unyielding,  
confusion crowds my way;  
But then when I bow to You, the challenges You guide me through, Your  
promises are ever new,  
I claim them for today.

Your will cannot lead me where Your grace will not keep me.  
Your hand will protect me. I rest in Your care. Your eyes will watch over  
me. Your love will forgive me and when I am faltering, I still will find You  
there

Each new day's design is charted by Your hand and graciously revealed as I  
seek Your master plan.  
Keep my footsteps faithful when from You I go. Return me to the joy that Your  
blessings can bestow.

Your will cannot lead me where you grace will not keep me.  
You hand will protect me. I rest in Your care.  
Your eyes will watch over me, Your love will forgive me, and when I am  
faltering, I still will find you there