



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

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 9, 2022

PRELUDE

"In Christ Alone"

David Brasher
Guest
Pianist/Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come let us sing out to the Lord
People: Raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation

Leader: Let us come before the Lord with thanks

People: Let us shout songs of joy to our Lord

Leader: Our Lord is a great God

People: Come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord our maker

(Psalm 95:1-3, 6, CEB)

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Hymn 24
Verses 1 – 3

*The God of Abraham praise, all praised be the name
Who was and is and is to be, is still the same
The one eternal God ere all that now appears
The first the last, beyond all thought thru timeless years*

*God's spirit flowing free, high surging where it will
In prophets word it spoke of old, is speaking still
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand
Deep writ upon the human heart on sea or land*

*God has eternal life implanted in the soul
God's love shall be our strength & stay while ages roll
Praise to the living God, all praised be the name
Who was and is and is to be, is still the same*

OPENING PRAYER

Judy Sellers
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

Genesis 21:22-34

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"The Tamarisk Tree Planted"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

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.

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

Our deacons will come by each pew to receive 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

"Share His Love"

David Brasher
Guest
Pianist/Organist

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

Judy Sellers
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

From the plants of the earth that God created comes this meal—wheat on the stalk, and fruit of the vine. May we remember and offer thanks for those divine creations.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Ed Guindon
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

"Down By the Riverside"

*Hymn 673
Verses 1 – 2*

*Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Gonna study war no more*

Refrain

*I ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more
I ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more*

*Gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my burden
Gonna study war no more*

Refrain

BENEDICTION

May the God who planted in your hearts seeds of love send you forth to share that love, and may the blessing of the Lord be with you now and always, amen.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

POSTLUDE

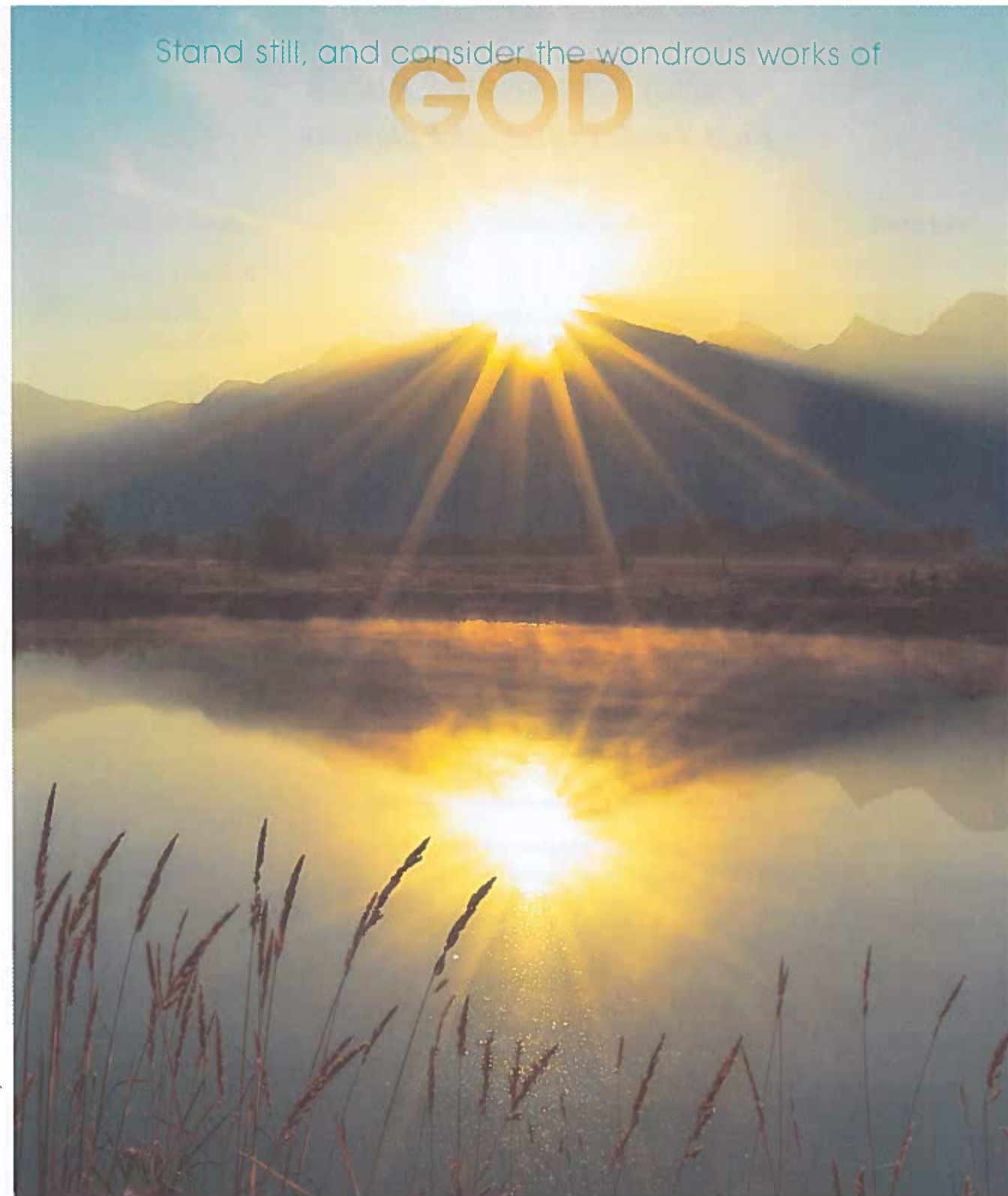
"My Tribute"

*David Brasher
Guest
Pianist/Organist*

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

Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of

GOD



Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Jan 9 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary
12:00 pm Elders' Meeting
Guest Pianist/Organist – David Brasher
- Monday, Jan 10 Voice Deadline
- Tuesday, Jan 11 8:00 am – BQG – Quilt of Valor
11:30 am Men's Luncheon – Taziki's Colonnade
6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
- Wednesday, Jan 12 9:00 am – 12:00 pm New Horizons (Fellowship Hall) Wed., Thurs. and Fri.
6:30 pm: Choir Practice, choir room
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Margaret Cox – vacation
Katelyn Clark's Birthday
- Sunday, Jan 16 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary
Week of Laity
Jim Clifford's Birthday
Tim Devine's Birthday

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

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

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

Today's Servers

ELDER: Ed Guindon WORSHIP LEADER: Judy Sellers GREETER(S): To Be Announced
DEACONS: Team 2, Leader – Peggi Zinser Members – Jim Taylor, Ginny Guindon, Carol
Speed OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Ed Guindon COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Postponed

His Eye is on the Sparrow By C. D. Martin and C. H. Gabriel

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he;
His Eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled” his tender word I hear,
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain