



## 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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## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022

**PRELUDE** "This Is My Father's World" Margaret Cox  
Pianist

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song  
**People: We sing to the LORD, all the earth**  
Leader: Sing to the LORD, bless the LORD's name  
**People: We share the news of the LORD's saving work every single day**  
Leader: Declare God's wondrous works among all the people  
**People: For the LORD is great and worthy of praise**  
(Psalm 96:1-4, CEB) Jim Taylor  
Worship Leader

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "All My Hope on God is Founded" Hymn 88  
Verses 1 – 3  
*All my hope on God is founded, who does still my trust  
Renew. Safe thru change and chance God guides me,  
Ever faithful, ever true. God unknown, God alone  
Seeks to claim my heart as home*  
*Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown  
Betray our trust. Though with care and toil  
We build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God's  
Power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower*  
*But in every time and season out of love's  
Abundant store, God sustains the whole creation  
Fount of life forevermore. We who share  
Earth and air count on God's unfailing care*

**OPENING PRAYER** Jim Taylor  
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** Exodus 13:17-18, Joshua 13:1-3 Jim Taylor  
Worship Leader

**MESSAGE** "The Arc of History" Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

**ANTHEM** "Let the Whole Creation Cry Alleluia" 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. Jim Taylor  
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** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 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** Jim Taylor  
Worship Leader

**CALL TO COMMUNION** This table endures across history, not only as a meal—although it is that as well—but as a place in which to encounter the presence of the Lord. Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

**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."

*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**

*"Purer in Heart, O God"*

*Hymn 573  
Verses 1 – 3*

*Purer in heart, O God, help me to be  
May I devote my life wholly to thee  
Watch thou my wayward feet  
Guide me with counsel sweet  
Purer in heart, help me to be*

*Purer in heart, O God, help me to be  
Teach me to do thy will most lovingly  
Be thou my friend and guide  
Let me with thee abide  
Purer in heart, help me to be*

*Purer in heart, O God, help me to be  
That I thy holy face one day may see  
Keep me from secret sin  
Reign thou my soul within  
Purer my heart, help me to be*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God whose history is one of love for you send you forth from this place to share that story of love, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*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.*





## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Jan 16 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary  
12:00 pm Board Meeting  
Week of Laity  
Jim Clifford's Birthday  
Tim Devine's Birthday
- Monday, Jan 17 Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
- Tuesday, Jan 18 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Manna Market Sale  
6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom  
7:00 pm – Barony Group  
Pastor Eric – Doctor Appt.
- Wednesday, Jan 19 10:30 am – AAA Trip to Birmingham Museum of Art  
6:30 pm: Choir Practice, choir room  
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
- Thursday, Jan 20 Disciples Women Meeting (Parlor)
- Saturday, Jan 22 Hal Clark's Birthday
- Sunday, Jan 23 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary  
Laity Sunday

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

*Please also be in prayer for our sister congregation, Macedonia Christian Church*

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

### Today's Servers

ELDER: Clarence Sellers WORSHIP LEADER: Jim Taylor 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

## Anthem

### Let the Whole Creation Cry Alleluia! S. A. Brooke and J B. LeDoux

Let the whole creation cry, Alle, alleluia!  
Glory to the Lord on high, Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord, ye hosts above, alle, alleluia,  
Ever bright and fair in love, Alleluia!

Sun and moon, lift up your voice,  
Night and stars in God rejoice;  
Let the children's happy hearts  
In this worship bear their parts.

Let the whole creation cry Alle, alleluia!  
Glory to the Lord on high, alleluia!  
Praise the Lord, ye hosts above, alle, alleluia!  
Ever bright and fair in love, alleluia!  
Alleluia!