



## 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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# Valley Christian Church

## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 6, 2022

### PRELUDE

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord rules and the nations shake

**People: We magnify the Lord our God, who is holy**

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion and exalted over all the nations

**People: We magnify the Lord our God, who is holy**

Leader: Let us thank your great and awesome name

**People: We magnify the Lord our God, who is holy**

(Psalm 99:1-3, CEB)

*Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Hymn 25  
Verses 1, 4, 5

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty who rules all creation  
O my soul worship the wellspring of health & salvation  
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life  
And restore thee. Fitting thee well for thy tasks  
That are ever before thee  
Then to thy need God as a mother draw speed  
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee*

*Praise to the Lord, O let all of earth's peoples & races  
All that have life & breath give thanks for manifold  
Graces. Let the Amen sound from God's people again  
Gladly forever sing praises*

### 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

Judges 16:17-31

*Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader*

### MESSAGE

"Dying with the Philistines"

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

### ANTHEM

*"More Love to Thee"*

*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

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*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

*Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader*

### CALL TO COMMUNION

God is not a fair-weather deity, present only when things are good. God remained present for Samson, and for Christ, and remains present for us at this table.

*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**

*"Trust and Obey"*

*Hymn 556  
Verses 1 – 3*

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word  
What a glory he sheds on our way  
While we do His good will He abides in us still  
And with all who will trust and obey*

*Refrain*

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share  
But our toil He will richly repay  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross  
But is blest if we trust and obey*

*Refrain*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way  
What he says we will do, where He sends we will go  
Never fear, only trust and obey*  
*Refrain*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who listens to your voice send you forth to use that voice to share God's 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.*

*Worship the* **LORD**



*in the* **beauty** *of holiness*

## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Feb 6      10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary  
Food Pantry Sunday
- Monday, Feb 7      Voice Deadline
- Tuesday, Feb 8      11:30 am Men's Luncheon  
6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
- Wednesday, Feb 9      6:30 pm: Choir Practice, choir room  
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room  
Cindy Neville's Birthday  
Stewart and Sarah Draper's Anniversary
- Thursday, Feb 10      10:30am Disciples Women (Parlor)
- Saturday, Feb 12      9:00 am to 12:00 noon – Valley Work Day
- Sunday, Feb 13      10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary  
12:00 noon – Elders' Meeting  
Kalyn Simon's Birthday

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
Edward Point Christian Church in Century, 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: John Gregory    WORSHIP LEADER: Judy Sellers    GREETER(S): To Be  
Announced    DEACONS: TBA    OPEN: Pastor    CLOSE: TBA    COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:  
Postponed

## Anthem

### “More Love to Thee” E. Prentiss, J Ingalls, T. Fettke

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea; More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee!

I Love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord;  
I love Thee, my Savior, I love Thee, my God.  
Thy grace shall inspire both my heart and my tongue;  
Thy Name be my theme, and Thy love be my song.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
And shall my ev'ry breath sing out Your praise;  
This be the only song my heart shall raise.

This still my prayer shall be; more love, O Christ, To Thee.  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee.

I love Thee, my Jesus, I love Thee, my Lord.