



# 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

## Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022

### PRELUDE

*"The Solid Rock"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let my whole being bless the Lord  
**People: Let everything in us bless God's holy name**  
Leader: Let us never forget all of God's good deeds  
**People: God forgives our sins, heals our sicknesses, and saves our lives from the pit**  
Leader: God crowns you with love and compassion  
**People: For God works righteousness and does justice for all who are oppressed**

Whitney Devine  
Worship Leader

(Psalm 103:1-6, CEB)

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

Hymn 464  
Verses 1, 3, 5

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people  
Pour thy power. Crown thine ancient church's story  
Bring its bud to glorious flower  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour*

*Cure thy children's warring madness. Bend our pride to  
thy control. Shame our wanton, selfish gladness  
Rich in things and poor in soul  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we  
Miss our righteous call, lest we miss our righteous call*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore  
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Serving thee whom we adore  
Serving thee whom we adore*

### OPENING PRAYER

Whitney Devine  
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

1 Samuel 17:4-11. 32-50

Whitney Devine  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

"Goliath of Gath"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### ANTHEM

*"God Be in My Head"*

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.

Ginny Guindon  
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

*"Blessed Assurance"*

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

Whitney Devine  
Worship Leader

### CALL TO COMMUNION

Deliverance takes many forms—a cross, a slingshot and stones, an empty tomb...and a loaf of bread and a cup of juice.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Judy 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**

*"Rejoice the Lord is King"*

*Hymn 622  
Verses 1 – 3*

*Rejoice, the Lord is king, the risen Christ adore  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, the triumph evermore  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice*

*God's reign can never fail  
Christ rules o'er heaven and earth  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice*

*Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ our judge will come  
To glorify the saints for their eternal home  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who raises spiritual giants send you forth to raise up others in God's love, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Reprise (On Christ, the Solid Rock, I Stand)"*

*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.*

# O SING unto the LORD



## a new SONG

## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Feb 20    Week of Compassion  
10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary  
12:00 noon – Cabinet Meeting
- Monday, Feb 21    President's Day  
Voice Deadline
- Tuesday, Feb 22    6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
- Wednesday, Feb 23    6:30 pm: Choir Practice, choir room  
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
- Sunday, Feb 27    Week of Compassion  
10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary

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

## Anthem

**“God Be in My Head”**  
Words adapted from the Book of Hours  
a 1514 service book  
Music by Andrea Ramsey

God be in my head and in my understanding,  
God be in my eyes and in my looking, and in my looking.  
God be in my head and in my understanding,  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking, and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart.  
God be at my end and my beginning, and all days in between