



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=OTFUQWJvU21MMmR6bkY5SitpelRlUT09>

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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022

PRELUDE

"The Old Rugged Cross"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Brothers and sisters we were called to freedom

People: We must not misuse this freedom

Leader: Do not let your freedom be an opportunity to indulge selfish impulses

People: Instead, we will serve each other in love

Leader: For the law is fulfilled in this single statement:

People: That we love our neighbors as ourselves

*Katelyn Clark
Worship Leader*

(Galatians 5:13-14, CEB)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

*Hymn 202
Verses 1 – 3*

*O sacred head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns thy only crown
How pale thou art with anguish
With sore abuse and scorn
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn*

*What thou O Christ has suffered was all for sinners
gain*

*Mine, mine was the transgression
But thine the deadly pain*

*Lo, here I fall my Savior, tis I deserve thy place
Look on me with thy favor and keep me in thy grace*

*What language shall I borrow
To thank thee dearest friend*

*For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end
O make me thine forever and should I fainting be
O let me never, never outlive my love to thee*

OPENING PRAYER

*Katelyn Clark
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

Mark 10:35-45

*Katelyn Clark
Worship Leader*

MESSAGE

"Ransom"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees"

*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.

*Katelyn Clark
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

Reflections on "What Wondrous Love"

*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

*Katelyn Clark
Worship Leader*

CALL TO COMMUNION

Freedom from sin comes in many layers, only the first of which is the cross. We must choose that freedom from sin every day, and this meal gives us that strength.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Ted Stuckenschneider
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

"Rock of Ages Cleft for Me"

*Hymn 214
Verses 1, 3, 4*

*Rock of ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure*

*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless, look to thee for grace
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me Savior, or I die*

*While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee*

BENEDICTION

May the God who has ransomed you and set you free send you forth to share that liberating love with all, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

POSTLUDE

"The Power of the Cross"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

You are warmly invited to join us for light refreshments in the church parlor. We ask that you please continue to socially distance and wear masks as much as possible after worship has concluded.

LENT



The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15

Life in the Valley

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| Sunday, Mar 20 | Spring Begins Holy Week Devotional Deadline 10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00 PM Board Meeting |
| Monday, Mar 21 | Marilyn Cutcliffe's Birthday |
| Tuesday, Mar 22 | 9:00 am BQG Sew Day (Fellowship) 6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom Ed and Ginny Guindon's Anniversary |
| Wednesday, Mar 23 | 6:30 pm: Choir Practice (Choir Room) 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Room) |
| Thursday, Mar 24 | 10:30 am DW Meeting (Parlor) |
| Friday, Mar 25 | 8:00 am ESQG Piecemaker's (Fellowship) |
| Saturday, Mar 26 | 8:00 am ESQG Piecemaker's (Fellowship) |
| Sunday, Mar 27 | 10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary) |

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
Iglesia Christiana Christian Church in Oxford, 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: Ted Stuckenschneider WORSHIP LEADER: Katelyn Clark GREETERS: Lola Kiser and Carol Speed DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain – Ginny Guindon Members – Carol Speed, Ed Guindon and Tim Devine OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Tim Devine COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Beth Collier

Anthem

“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees” Christopher Idle and Lloyd Larson

The anthem includes the first three stanzas of the poem by Christopher Idle.
The entire poem is included for your reading and contemplation.

When you prayed beneath the trees,
It was for me, O Lord;
When you cried upon your knees,
How could it be, O Lord?
When in blood and sweat and tears,
You dismissed your final fears,
When you faced the soldiers' spears,
You stood for me, O Lord.

When you stumbled up the road,
You walked for me, O Lord;
When you took your deadly load,
That heavy tree, O Lord;
When they lifted you on high,
And they nailed you up to die,
And when darkness filled the sky,
It was for me, O Lord.

When their triumph looked complete,
It was for me, O Lord;
When it seemed like your defeat,
They could not see, O Lord!
When you faced the mob alone
You were silent as a stone,
And a tree became your throne;
You came for me, O Lord.

When you spoke with kingly power,
It was for me, O Lord;
In that dread and destined hour,
You made me free, O Lord;
Earth and heaven heard you shout,
Death and hell were put to rout,
For the grave could not hold out;
You are for me, O Lord.