



# 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](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

## Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

### PRELUDE

*"Christ Arose"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Because of His powerful deeds and words, He was recognized by God and all the people

**People: But He was handed over to be crucified**

Leader: We hoped He'd be the one to redeem Israel

**People: Yet the women went to the tomb early this morning and have found it empty**

Leader: They saw a vision of angels saying He lives

**People: It is just as the women said. He is risen!**

*Ted Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader*

(Luke 24:19-24, CEB)

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

*Hymn 216  
Verses 1 – 4*

*Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia  
All creation join to say, alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, alleluia*

*Lives again our glorious king, alleluia  
Where, O death, is now your sting, alleluia  
Jesus died, our souls to save, alleluia  
Where your victory, O grave, alleluia*

*Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia  
Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia  
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia  
Following our exalted head, alleluia  
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia*

### OPENING PRAYER

*Ted Stuckenschneider  
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

Luke 24:1-12

*Ted Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader*

### MESSAGE

"The First Day of the Week"

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

### ANTHEM

*"Lift High the Cross"*

*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.

*Ted Stuckenschneider  
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

*"He Lives"*

*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

*Ted Stuckenschneider  
Worship Leader*

### CALL TO COMMUNION

Simplicity exists in many ways, in many forms: in a donkey instead of a warhorse, in forgiveness instead of strife, in simple bread instead of a five-course feast.

*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**

*"He Lives"*

*Hymn 226  
Verses 1 – 3*

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today  
I know that he is living, whatever others say  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer  
And just the time I need him, he's always near*

*Refrain*

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me & talks with me on life's narrow way  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know he lives he lives within my heart*

*In all the world around me I see his loving care  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair  
I know that he leading through all the stormy blast  
The day of his appearing will come at last*

*Refrain*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind*

*Refrain*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who has risen victorious from the grave send you forth from victory into victory, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen

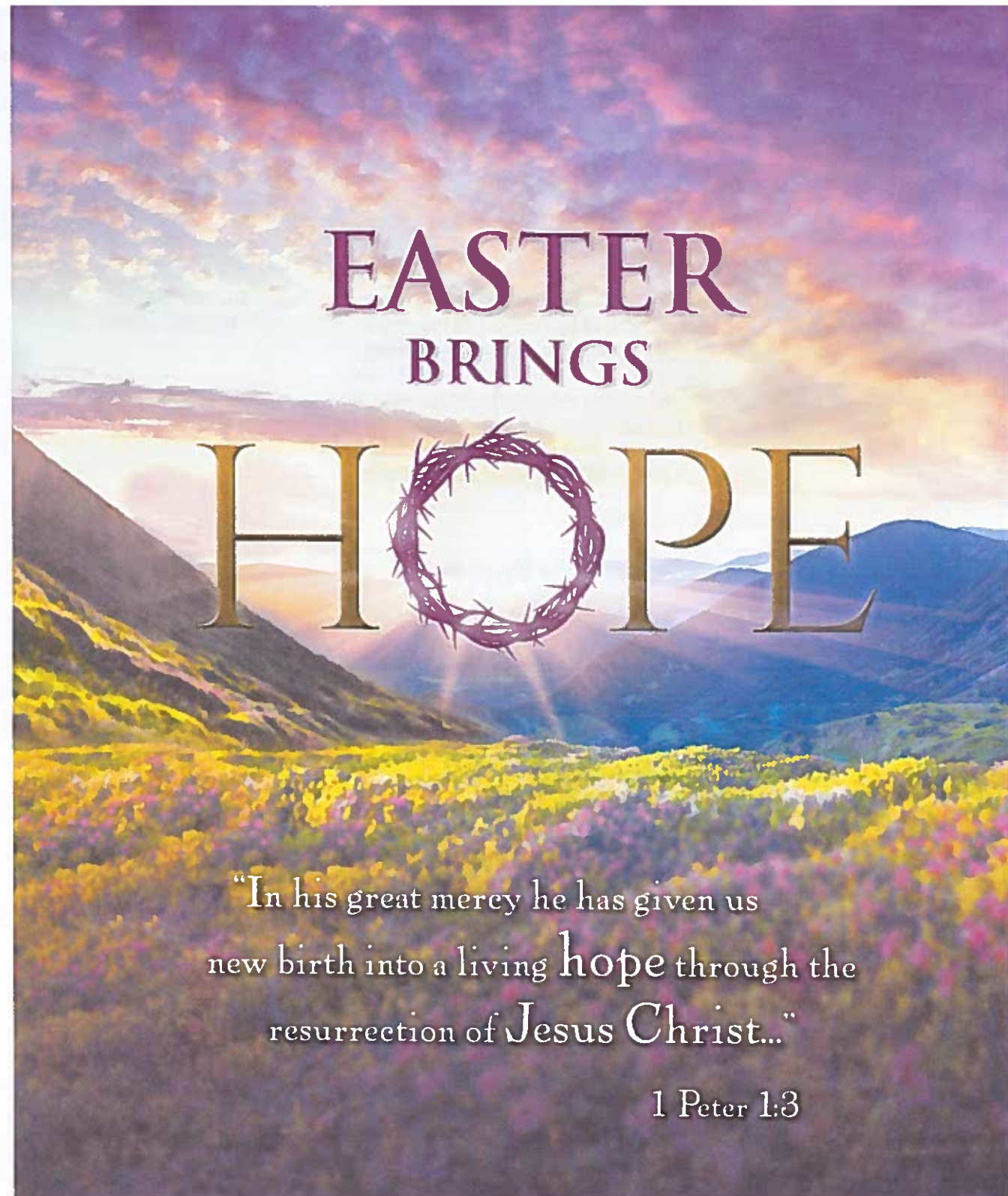
*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Because He Lives"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*We will not have fellowship after worship today so that everyone can go home and have Easter lunch with their families*



## *Life in the Valley*

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| Sunday, Apr 17    | 8:30 am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service<br>9:30 am Easter Breakfast<br>10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary)<br>12:00 pm Cabinet Meeting<br>Easter Offering |
| Monday, Apr 18    | Easter Observed – Office Closed  |
| Tuesday, Apr 19   | 6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom<br>7:00 pm Barony Group (Fellowship)   |
| Wednesday, Apr 20 | 9:00 am BQG Workshop (Fellowship)<br>6:30 pm: Choir Practice (Choir Room)<br>7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Room)                                    |
| Thursday, Apr 21  | 10:30 am Disciples Women (Parlor)  |
| Friday, Apr 22    | 8:00 am Pastor Eric - Ala/NW Fla Regional Assembly – (FCC Meridian)<br>Terry Nunnelly's Birthday   |
| Saturday, Apr 23  | 8:00 am Pastor Eric - Ala/NW Fla Regional Assembly – (FCC Meridian)<br>Clarence Sellers' Birthday  |
| Sunday, Apr 24    | 8:00 am Pastor Eric - Ala/NW Fla Regional Assembly – (FCC Meridian)<br>10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary)  |

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
New Vision Christian Church in Birmingham, 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: Ted Stuckenschneider GREETERS: Clarence  
and Judy Sellers DEACONS: Team 1 – Captain: Carolyn Nunnelly Members: Terry Nunnelly  
and Beth Collier OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Terry Nunnelly COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: None

## Anthem

### “Lift High the Cross”

George W. Kitchen, Michael R. Newbolt, Sydney H  
Nicholson and Richard A Nichols

#### Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come brethren, follow where our Savior trod, our King victorious,  
Christ the Son of God.

#### Refrain

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

#### Refrain