



# 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 Edd Spencer

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# Valley Christian Church

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*"Blessed Assurance"*

*Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome home, welcome in.

People: Here we find a song for our souls and healing for our wounds.

Leader: Welcome home.

People: Here we find holy laughter that chases dark clouds away, and quiet prayers that lead us to still waters and green pastures.

Leader: Welcome to this holy space.

People: Here there are friends with a tender embrace, and here there are words that heal brokenness and reveal God's grace.

Leader: Welcome home. God has been expecting you. The candle is lit and the Lord's table is set. Welcome to this worship service of renewal and hope. Let us come together and worship Almighty God.

*Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*

*Hymn 211  
Verses 1-3*

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley;  
He had to walk it by himself.  
O, nobody else could walk it for him;  
He had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley;  
We have to walk it by ourselves.  
O, nobody else can walk it for us;  
We have to walk it by ourselves*

*You must go and stand your trial;  
You have to stand it by yourself.  
O, nobody else can stand it for you;  
You have to stand it by yourself.*

### OPENING PRAYER

*Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*"Road Map"*

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 4:1-11*

*Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader*

### MESSAGE

*"The Road to Wilderness"*

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### ANTHEM

*"Make My Life an Alleluia"  
Ruth Elaine Schram*

*VCC Choir directed  
by MaryEllen  
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

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

*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

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Stewart Draper  
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. Edd Spencer*

*Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please partake of communion together when the pastor says "take eat and take drink"*

**HYMN OF  
INVITATION**

*"O Master, Let me Walk with Thee"*

*Hymn 602  
Verses 1-4*

*O Master, let me walk with thee.  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear.  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move.  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me thy patience; still with thee.  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.*

*In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.*

**BENEDICTION**

On our road in life may the rough places be made smooth. May the valleys of despair be filled with comfort. May our hearts be filled with love. May the glory of the Lord be with us. Amen.

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*You are warmly invited to join us for light refreshments in the church parlor after worship.*



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## *Life in the Valley*

- Sunday, May 15 Blankets of Hope Offering  
10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:00 pm Board Meeting  
Brett Simon's Birthday
- Tuesday, May 17 3:30 pm Regional Ad Hoc Meeting  
6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom  
7:00 pm Barony Group
- Wednesday, May 18 6:30 pm: Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
Midge Hoke's Birthday  
Bill and Mary Ellen Caughran's Anniverary
- Thursday, May 19 10:30 am Disciples Women Meeting (Parlor)
- Friday, May 20 Jean Thrasher's Birthday  
Kohler and Beth Collier's Anniversary
- Sunday, May 22 Blankets of Hope Offering  
10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary)

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
Cedar Plains Christian Church in Falkville, Alabama*

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

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday  
Pastor Edd's office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Wednesday

### Today's Servers

ELDER: Stewart Draper WORSHIP LEADER: Judy Sellers GREETERS: Carolyn Nunnelly  
and Beth Collier DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain: Ginny Guindon Members: Carol Speed, Ed  
Guindon and Tim Devine OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: John Gregory COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:  
Sarah Draper and Carol Speed

## Anthem

“Make My Life an Alleluia”

Ruth Elaine Schram

Make my life an alleluia, a song of praise to You each day  
To proclaim Your grace and glory, fill my heart with your praise, I pray.  
When I stand at the mountaintop, or the valley of despair,  
This will be my cry, my song, my prayer;  
Lord make my life an alleluia.

Make my life an alleluia, a gift of love to You, my King.  
I will join with all creation in the song that the heavens sing!  
The earth will turn and the planets spin, as the seasons ebb and flow;  
Still, Your grace surrounds me as I go, Lord, make my life an alleluia.

Make my life an alleluia, this off'ring of myself I give to You.  
I will share Your grace and mercy for as long as I shall live.  
When I come to my journey's end, may those left behind be reminded,  
this has been my cry, my song, my prayer;  
Lord make my life an alleluia.  
Lord make my life an alleluia.