



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 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

Laity Sunday

January 22, 2023

PRELUDE

"Lord, Be Glorified"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Clarence Sellers
Worship Leader*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come into this Sanctuary from many places.
People: We gather to affirm that we are all united in God's sacred family.
Leader: We come into this Sanctuary from many places.
People: We gather to affirm that we are called to love and serve one another and others.
Leader: We come into this Sanctuary from many places.
People: We gather to affirm that each of us has gifts to offer.
Leader: We come into this Sanctuary from many places.
People: We gather to affirm that we are God's children.
All: Let us celebrate and worship as a family of God.

*Clarence Sellers
Worship Leader*

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Gather Together"

*Hymn 276
All Verses*

*We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
To turn to a wisdom surpassing our own,
The pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.*

*Beside us to guide us, O god, we perceive you
Ordaining, maintaining the power of life.
Yes, yours be the glory, let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.*

*May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
Defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!*

OPENING PRAYER

*Clarence Sellers
Worship Leader*

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Rev. Edd Spencer

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE

John 1:35-42
John 6:5-9

*Clarence Sellers
Worship Leader*

MESSAGE

Andrew: Lessons From the Master

Ed Guindon

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.

*Clarence 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

"The Servant Song/Make Me a Servant"

*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

*Clarence Sellers
Worship Leader*

CALL TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

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. 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

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*Hymn 586
All Verses*

*Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now, I wait for Thee
Ready, my God, Thy will to see
Open my eyes, illumine me
Spirit divine*

*Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear
Silently now I wait for thee
Ready, my God, Thy will to see
Open my ears, illumine me
Spirit divine*

*Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready, my God, Thy will to see
Open my heart, illumine me
Spirit Divine*

BENEDICTION We have been embraced by God's arms of love. As we prepare to leave this place, may we go with our arms outstretched, eager to be like the disciple Andrew and embrace the people around us. May we go, prepared to share Christ's life-giving love with all we encounter. Amen.

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

"Living for Jesus"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

*: You are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall for Laity Sunday and Christian Service
Recognition after worship*

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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

"People Serving God Serving People"

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Life in the Valley

Sunday, Jan 22	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) Laity Sunday – Ed Guindon Preaching Hal Clark’s Birthday
Monday, Jan 23	Voice Deadline 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Jan 24	8:00am Manna Market Sale 6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Jan 25	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Thursday, Jan 26	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Friday, Jan 27	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship) Carolyn Nunnelly’s Birthday
Saturday, Jan 28	Arcadia Simon’s Birthday
Sunday, Jan 29	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30am Valley Planning Retreat – Lunch Provided (Fellowship)

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
First Christian Church in Dothan, Alabama*

Please 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

WORSHIP LEADER: Clarence Sellers ELDER: Judy Sellers GREETERS: Carolyn Nunnelly and Beth Collier DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain: Ginny Guindon Members: Carol Speed and Ed Guindon OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Ed Guindon COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Lunch in the Fellowship Hall for Laity Sunday and Christian Service Recognition

John 1:35-42

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

John 6:5-9

5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

7 Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”

8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, 9 “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”