



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

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

PRELUDE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Margaret Cox
Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is something deeper than trouble.
 People: It is mercy.
 Leader: God's amazing grace;
 People: Carrying, lifting, holding us in all seasons.
 Leader: There is something more powerful than despair.
 People: It is mercy.
 Leader: God's amazing love;
 People: Seeing us through dark nights, waves of sadness, mountains of grief.
 Leader: There is something longer lasting than pain.
 People: It is mercy.
 Leader: God's healing touch
 People: Bringing us hope, leading us to joy, teaching us to sing and tell the story of His love.

Jim Taylor
Worship Leader

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Love to Tell the Story!"

Hymn 480
All Verses

*I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
 Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true;
 It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.
 I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
 To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.*

*.I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat
 What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.
 I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
 The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.
 I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
 To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.*

*.I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
 Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
 And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,*

*'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long,
 I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
 To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.*

OPENING PRAYER

Jim Taylor
Worship Leader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Water"

Rev. Edd Spencer

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE

II Kings 5:1-14

Jim Taylor
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"Naaman – Taking the Plunge"

Rev. Edd Spencer

HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Hymn 701
Verse 1

*Shall we gather at the river
 Where bright angel feet have trod
 With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?
 Yes we'll gather at the river,
 The beautiful, the beautiful river;
 Gather with the saints at the river
 That flows by the throne of God.*

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.

Jim Taylor
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

"Trust and Obey"

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

*Jim Taylor
Worship Leader*

CALL TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Sarah 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

"Living for Jesus"

*Hymn 610
All Verses*

*Living for Jesus, a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do;
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.*

Refrain:

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

*Living for Jesus Who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all. [Refrain]*

*Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him. [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

May God the Creator restore our souls. May Christ the Good Shepherd lead us beside still waters. May the Spirit fill our cups to overflowing. We take all these blessings of God into this new week of life. Amen.

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Parlor after worship.

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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

"People Serving God Serving People"

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Life in the Valley

Sunday, Feb 5	Food Pantry Sunday – Peanut Butter and Jelly 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, Feb 6	Voice Deadline 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Feb 7	8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Feb 8	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Thursday, Feb 9	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship) Stewart and Sarah Draper's Anniversary
Friday, Feb 10	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Saturday, Feb 11	9:00am Valley Work Day 9:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship)
Sunday, Feb 12	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Elders' Meeting

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
Edward Point Christian Church in Century, 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: Jim Taylor ELDER: Sarah Draper DEACONS/GREETER: Team 1 –
Captain: Beth Collier Members: Terry Nunnally, John Gregory and Jean Thrasher OPEN:
Pastor CLOSE: John Gregory COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Jean Thrasher

II Kings 5:1-14

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded.. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. 5 "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." 6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy?"

8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. So he turned and went off in a rage.

13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.