



# 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=OTFUQWJvU2lMMmR6bkY5SitpelR1UT09>

**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

Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

2600 Cherokee Place, Birmingham, Alabama 35216

205-879-0419

[office@vccbhm.org](mailto:office@vccbhm.org)

# Valley Christian Church

## Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2023

### PRELUDE

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all you weary and hurting;  
People: Here, find rest for your souls.  
Leader: Here, enter into the grace of forgiveness;  
People: Here, taste the living water of new life.  
Leader: Come, from busy weeks and anxious worry;  
People: Find here stillness, like being led to green pastures.  
Leader: Here, sing songs that lift you to heaven,  
People: And prayers that ease the wrinkles from your soul.  
All: Come and worship, for our Lord is in this very room.

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"In This Very Room"*

Hymn 295  
All Verses

*In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for one like me,*

*[Refrain]*

*And there's quite enough hope And quite enough power  
To chase away any gloom For Jesus, Lord Jesus  
Is in this very room*

*In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us  
[Refrain]*

*In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world.  
[Refrain]*

### OPENING PRAYER

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*"Week of Compassion"*

Rev. Edd Spencer

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Edd Spencer

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

### SCRIPTURE

Daniel 6:11-12; 16-17; 19-23

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

*"In the Lion's Den"*

Rev. Edd Spencer

### HYMN

*"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

Hymn 263

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

### 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.

Sarah Draper  
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

*"My Faith Looks Up to 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

Sarah Draper  
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**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory!"*

*Hymn 464  
Verses 1, 4 & 5*

*God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

*Set our feet on lofty places;  
fill our lives that we may be  
strengthened with all Christ-like graces  
pledge to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we fail our call from thee,  
lest we fail our call from thee.*

*Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.*

**BENEDICTION**

May we walk now, in the power of God's presence; run and leap in the joy of God's Spirit; Rest in the peace of God's love. Amen.

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

# *Valley Christian Church*

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*"People Serving God Serving People"*

## *February 19, 2023*



2600 Cherokee Place  
Birmingham, AL 35216

205-879-0419

[office@vccbhm.org](mailto:office@vccbhm.org)

[www.vccbhm.org](http://www.vccbhm.org)

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

## *Life in the Valley*

Sunday, Feb 19	Week of Compassion Offering Commercial Lenten Devotionals Distributed (Ash Wednesday – Easter) 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Cabinet Meeting
Monday, Feb 20	Presidents' Day Voice Deadline 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Feb 21	8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Feb 22	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship) 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
Thursday, Feb 23	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Friday, Feb 24	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Sunday, Feb 26	First Sunday in Lent Week of Compassion Offering 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

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

## Scripture

### Daniel 6:11-12; 16-17; 19-23

11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. 12 So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

17 A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed.

19 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. 20 When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

21 Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! 22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.