

Valley Christian Church

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

PRELUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna/Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Margaret Cox
Pianist

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

*WORDS OF HOSANNA

We gather together. **Waving palms of joy.**
Waving branches of peace. **Eager to see Jesus, hoping to receive His blessing.**
We gather together. **Waving palms of joy.**
Waving branches of praise. **Longing to know His peace in a world of worry and stress.**
We gather together. **Waving palms of joy.**
Waving branches of peace. **Hoping we are ready to walk with Jesus in His hours of darkness.**
We gather together. **Waving palms of joy.**
Waving branches of prayer. **Walking toward Easter and His resurrection.**

Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Hymn 91
Verses 1, 2 & 4

*INVITING PRAYER

Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

EXTINGUISHING THE SIXTH LENTEN CANDLE
"It is finished. Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Stewart Draper
Elder

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Edd Spencer

+ The Roman cross is formed by two cross beams of unequal length, with a portion of the vertical beam extending above the intersection of the two beams. The Roman cross is the most commonly used form of the cross and the most recognized symbol of Christianity. While the cross is the symbol of Jesus' death and suffering, the empty cross also represents the resurrection, the triumph over death.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11 (NT p. 23)

Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

SERMON "The Lord is in Need of it"

Rev. Edd Spencer

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** "We Gather Together" Hymn 276
Al Verses

JOYS AND CONCERNS Prayer cards are in the pews Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE Giving of Tithes, Offerings Terry Nunnelly
Worship Leader

Offertory "Lift High the Cross" Margaret Cox
Pianist
*Doxology Hymn 48
*Offertory Prayer

THE GIFT FROM JESUS

INVITATION 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."
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"

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

***CLOSING HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Hymn 234
Verses 1 & 4

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

*Congregation standing – as able or willing

We welcome all our guests who are worshipping with us today at Valley Christian Church. We hope that you find it a meaningful experience and that you will come our way again soon.

Life in the Valley

- Sunday, Apr 2 Palm Sunday
Easter Offering
Food Pantry Sunday – canned fruit
- Monday, Apr 3 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
- Tuesday, Apr 4 9:00am Manna Market Sale
6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
- Wednesday, Apr 5 9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship)
- Thursday, Apr 6 9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship)
6:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship
- Friday, Apr 7 9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship)
12:00noon Good Friday "Walk to Calvary" on the Walking Trail
- Saturday, Apr 8 9:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship)
- Sunday, Apr 9 Easter Sunday
9:00am Breakfast (Fellowship)
10:00am Elder Prayers
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
Easter Offering

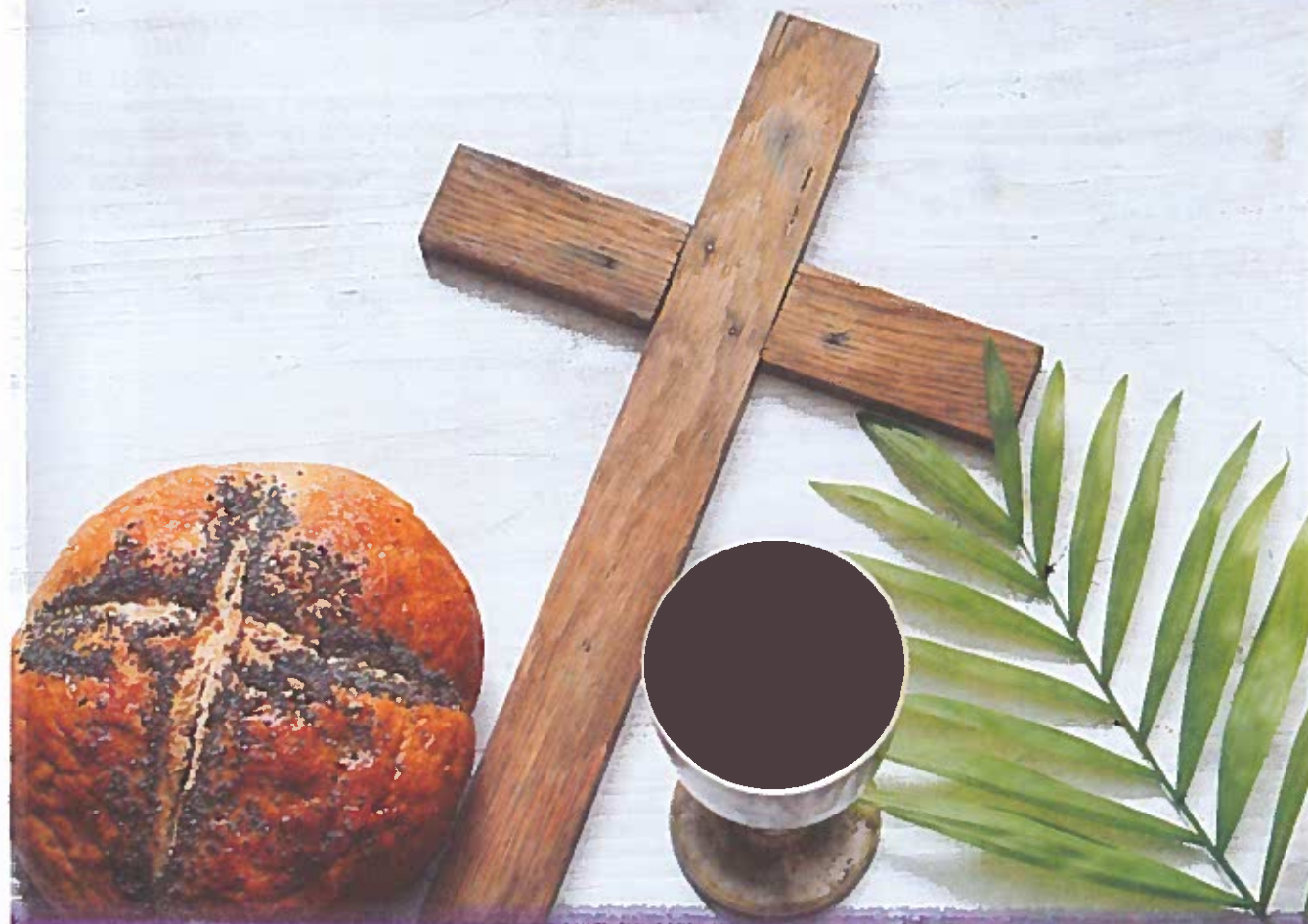
Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday
Pastor Edd's office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Wednesday

Today's Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Terry Nunnelly ELDER: Stewart Draper DEACONS/GREETER: Team 1 – Captain: Beth Collier Members: Terry Nunnelly, Jean Thrasher, and John Gregory OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Terry Nunnelly COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Peggi Zinser



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The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15