

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 4, 2023

## THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God, we praise you.

**For summer sun and laidback days.**

God, We praise you.

**For family vacations.**

God, We praise you.

**For family and all who make up our circle of love.**

God, We praise you.

**For friends who help us to wholeness.**

God, We praise you.

**For the church, which gives us a glimpse of heaven.**

God, We praise you.

**On this summer Sunday for the beauty of the earth. We now praise you with our voices in song.**

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

Hymn 56  
Verses 1, 2 & 4

### \*INVOCATION

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Sow the Word”

Rev. Edd Spencer

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:1-8; 13-20 (NT p. 38)

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### SERMON

“Parable of the Sower”

Rev. Edd Spencer

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“Open My Eyes That I May See”*

Hymn 586  
All Verses

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer cards are in the pews

Rev. Edd Spencer

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes, Offerings and Pentecost Offering

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### Offertory

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

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. Amen.*

### \*Offertory Prayer

## THE GIFT FROM JESUS

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

Ed Guindon  
Elder

### THE COMMUNION

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

*“In the Bulb There is a Flower”*

Hymn 638  
All Verses

### \*BENEDICTION

(Hold hands with the person near you.)

Rev. Edd Spencer

### POSTLUDE

*“I Will Sing of the Mercies”*

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.  
Please join us for coffee fellowship in the parlor after worship.

### *Life in the Valley*

- Sunday, June 4      Pentecost Offering  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
Food Pantry Sunday – Summer snacks for kids
- Monday, June 5      8:00am Manna Market Prep (Fellowship)  
6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)  
Voice Deadline  
Edd and Mary Pat Spencer’s Anniversary
- Tuesday, June 6      8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship)  
6:30pm Adult Bible Study Class by Zoom
- Wednesday, June 7      2:00pm ESQG Boston Tea Party (Fellowship)
- Saturday, June 10      9:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship)
- Sunday, June 11      Pentecost Offering  
10:00am Elders’ Prayers  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:00PM Elders’ Meeting

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday

#### Today’s Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Sara Simon   ELDER: Ed Guindon   DEACONS/GREETER: Team 1 –  
Captain: Beth Collier   Members: Terry Nunnelly, Jean Thrasher and John Gregory   OPEN: Pastor  
CLOSE: Stewart Draper   COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Lola Kiser

# *Valley Christian Church*

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*“People Serving God Serving People”*

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