

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 2, 2023

## THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

**HANDBELL  
CHIMES**

*Westminster Chimes on handbells*

*Ed and Ginny  
Guindon and  
John Neville*

**PRELUDE**

*“Gymnopedie #1”  
by Erik Satie*

*John Neville  
Pianist*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*John Gregory  
Worship Leader*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

With glad and grateful hearts,  
**With thanksgiving**  
Flowing from sea to shining sea,  
**We gather this day.**  
To sing songs of praise,  
**To God.**  
For our country,  
**For our world, For peace**

*John Gregory  
Worship Leader*

**\*HYMN OF  
PRAISE**

*“God Bless America”*

*God bless America, Land that I love  
Stand beside her, And guide her  
Through the night  
with the light from above*

*From the mountains, To the prairies  
To the oceans, White with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home  
God bless America, My home sweet home*

**\*INVOCATION**

*John Gregory  
Worship Leader*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*John Gregory  
Worship Leader*

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

*“From the Mountains”*

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**SCRIPTURE**

*Exodus 14:16-16, 21-22 (OT pages 60 and 61)  
Joshua 4:14, 17 (OT page 196)*

*John Gregory  
Worship Leader*

**SERMON**

*“Go Forward”*

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF  
DEDICATION**

*“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

*Hymn 672  
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

*John Gregory  
Worship Leader*

Offertory

*“Sonatina in C” by John Neville*

*John Neville  
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

*Sarah Draper  
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 Christ There is No East and West”*

*Hymn 687  
All Verses*

**\*BENEDICTION**

(Hold hands with the person near you.)

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*“A Country Dance”  
by Ludwig von Beethoven*

*John Neville  
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, July 2      10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
Food Pantry Sunday – Sugar, Flour and Cornmeal

Monday, July 3      Holiday (Office Closed)  
6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)

Tuesday, July 4      Independence Day (Office Closed)

Friday, July 7      3:00pm ESQG Workshop (Fellowship)

Saturday, July 8      8:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship)

Sunday, July 9      10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
Guest Pastor John Churchill

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

#### Today's Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: John Gregory   ELDER: Sarah Draper   DEACONS/GREETER: Team 2 –  
Captain: Peggi Zinser   Members: Carol Speed, Clarence Sellers and Ted Stuckenschneider  
OPEN: Pastor   CLOSE: Stewart Draper   COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Sara Simon

# *Valley Christian Church*

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*“People Serving God Serving People”*

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