

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 6, 2023

## THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*“O, How I Love Jesus”*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Jesus, you are the joy of loving hearts

**People:** You are the fount of life. You are the light of light

**Leader:** Jesus, your love is true and pure delight

**People:** You are our living bread, our fountainhead

**All:** Be with us today as we worship and praise.

Help us to show our love for Him who first showed His love for us

By sending you.

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Christians, We Have Met To Worship”*

Hymn 277  
Verses 1 & 3

### \*INVOCATION

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE

John 13:34-35 (NT page 108)

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### SERMON

*“It’s All About Love”*

Rev. Jan Watts

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“Pass It On”*

Hymn 477  
All Verses

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer cards are in the pews

Rev. Jan Watts

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jan Watts

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes, Offerings

Sarah Draper  
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

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT FROM JESUS

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Jan Watts

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

Stewart 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

*“The Gift of Love”*

Hymn 526  
All Verses

### \*BENEDICTION

(Hold hands with the person near you.)  
May God bless you and keep you.  
May God’s face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with love.  
And give you peace.  
Amen.

Rev. Jan Watts

### POSTLUDE

*“To God Be the Glory”*

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, Aug 6	Food Pantry Sunday (Rice, Pasta and Pasta Sauce) 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) Guest Pastor – Rev. Jan Watts
Monday, Aug 7	Voice Deadline 8:00am Manna Market Prep (Fellowship) 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Aug 8	8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study Class
Wednesday, Aug 9	11:15am Brown Bag Lunch (Parlor) 12:00pm Worship – “Wind” (Sanctuary) 6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
Thursday, Aug 10	10:00am New Horizons Board Room (Fellowship)
Saturday, Aug 12	8:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship) 10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
Sunday, Aug 13	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 5:30pm Church Picnic and Vespers (Fellowship Hall and Outdoors)

### Today's Servers

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

### **Church Picnic and Vespers**

On Sunday, August 13th, we will gather at Valley at 5:30pm for a church picnic and Vesper service. The Men's group and Membership/Fellowship Department are sponsoring the picnic. Clarence Sellers will be cooking the brisket and a Boston Butt. Membership/Fellowship will provide all the side dishes along with homemade ice cream. Following the meal, a Vesper worship service will be held outside by the magnolia tree. In case of rain or extreme heat, we will have our picnic and Vespers in the Fellowship Hall.

# *Valley Christian Church*

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*“People Serving God Serving People”*

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