

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 20, 2023

## THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *“Be Still, My Soul”* Margaret Cox  
Pianist

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Clarence Sellers  
Worship Leader

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
In the presence of God  
**We are filled with hope.**  
We are overwhelmed by love,  
**We sense a holy mystery.**  
In the presence of the holy God,  
**We know our sin.**  
We fall on our knees,  
**We are made new.**  
In the presence of the living Christ,  
**We are celebrating life because Jesus has come into our hearts.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *“O, How I Love Jesus”* Hymn 99  
All Verses

**\*INVOCATION** Clarence Sellers  
Worship Leader

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Clarence Sellers  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** Rev. Edd Spencer

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:1-2; 5 (NT page 4) Clarence Sellers  
Worship Leader

**SERMON** *“Blessed Are the Meek”* Rev. Edd Spencer

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** *“Take My Life”* Hymn 609  
Verses 1, 5 & 6

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Edd Spencer

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE** Clarence Sellers  
Giving of Tithes, Offerings  
Worship Leader

Offertory *“Moment by Moment”* 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** Clarence Sellers  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT FROM JESUS

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** Rev. Edd Spencer

**COMMUNION PRAYER** Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer Judy Sellers  
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** *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”* Hymn 589  
All Verses

**\*BENEDICTION** (Hold hands with the person near you.) Rev. Edd Spencer

**POSTLUDE** *“He Keeps Me Singing”* 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, Aug 20      10:00am Elders' Prayer Time  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:00pm Quarterly Elders' Meeting
- Monday, Aug 21      Voice Deadline  
8:00am Manna Market Prep (Fellowship)  
6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
- Tuesday, Aug 22      8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship)  
6:30pm Zoom Bible Study Class
- Wednesday, Aug 23      6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)  
Ann Johnsey's Birthday
- Friday, Aug 25      7:30pm "Vital Signs" Transformation Workshop (First Christian Birmingham)  
Billy McDaniel's Birthday
- Saturday, Aug 26      9:00am "Vital Signs" Transformation Workshop (First Christian Birmingham)  
10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
- Sunday, Aug 27      10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
Sara Simon's Birthday

#### Today's Servers

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

# *Valley Christian Church*

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*"People Serving God Serving People"*

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