

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2023

## THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "How Great Thou Art" Margaret Cox  
Pianist

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**  
Hymnal 748 (1-9) to be read from the hymn book Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

**\*OPENING HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" Hymn 59  
All Verses

**\*INVOCATION** Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Rev. John Gregory

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 103:1-14, 17-18; (OT page 554) Peggi Zinser  
Matthew 5:1-2, 7 (NT page 4) Worship Leader

**SERMON** "Show and Receive" Rev. John Gregory

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Hymn 73  
All Verses

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** Rev. John Gregory  
Prayer cards are in the pews

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. John Gregory

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE** Peggi Zinser  
Giving of Tithes, Offerings and Week of Compassion Offering Worship Leader

Offertory "I Will Sing of the Mercies" 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 Peggi Zinser  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT FROM JESUS

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** Rev. John Gregory

**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

**\*GOING FORTH** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Hymn 453  
All Verses

**\*BENEDICTION** (Hold hands with the person near you.) Rev. John Gregory

**POSTLUDE** "God of Grace and God of 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.

## *Life in the Valley*

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| Sunday, Sep 3    | Food Pantry Sunday – Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate<br>10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  |
| Monday, Sep 4    | Labor Day – Office Closed<br>6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)  |
| Tuesday, Sep 5   | 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study Class  |
| Wednesday, Sep 6 | 9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)<br>6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)  |
| Thursday, Sep 7  | 9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)<br>6:30pm Barony Group (Blue Room)  |
| Friday, Sep 8    | 9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)<br>1:00pm ESQG Collage Workshop (Fellowship)  |
| Saturday, Sep 9  | 9:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship)<br>10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)   |
| Sunday, Sep 10   | Reconciliation Sunday<br>10:00am Elders' Prayer Time<br>10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)<br>12:00pm Elders Meeting<br>Pat McDaniel's Birthday |

### Today's Servers

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

# *Valley Christian Church*

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*“People Serving God Serving People”*

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