

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2023

## THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Terry Nunnelly  
Worship Leader*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has made creation for God’s delight and for ours. Let us rejoice in the wonders of God’s creation. God created the light.

**We rejoice in the light that gives us vision with its different shapes and colors.**

God created plants.

**We rejoice in the beauty of wildflowers and trees. We delight in the sweetness of the apple and the blossom of the rose.**

God created birds of the air.

**We rejoice in the soaring grace of the eagle and the beauty of the hummingbird.**

God created the sea creatures.

**We rejoice in the variety of fishes.**

God created the land animals.

**We rejoice in the faithfulness of a dog; the playfulness of a kitten; the strength of a lion.**

God created us.

**We rejoice in the blessing of the bodies and in our spirits’ ability to commune with God.**

God has created us for joyous life.

**Praise be to our loving God, our creator and our companion. Almighty God, we adore you.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

*Hymn 2  
Verses 1, 2 & 3*

### \*INVOCATION

*Terry Nunnelly  
Worship Leader*

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Terry Nunnelly  
Worship Leader*

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-2; 9 (NT page 4)

*Terry Nunnelly  
Worship Leader*

### SERMON

“Blessed Are the Peacemakers”

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

Hymn 677

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer cards are in the pews

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes, Offerings, Reconciliation Offering

*Terry Nunnelly  
Worship Leader*

### Offertory

*“Dona Nobis Pacem”*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

### \*Doxology

*Terry Nunnelly  
Worship Leader*

### \*Offertory Prayer

## THE GIFT FROM JESUS

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

*Carolyn Nunnelly  
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

*“Down by the Riverside”*

Hymn 673  
All Verses

**\*BENEDICTION**

(Hold hands with the person near you.)

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

\*Congregation standing – as able or willing

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

***Life in the Valley***

Sunday, Sep 17

Reconciliation Sunday  
10:00am Elder Prayer Time  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:00pm Elder Meeting  
Ted and Dana Stuckenschneider’s Anniversary

Monday, Sep 18

6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)

Tuesday, Sep 19

6:30pm Zoom Bible Study Class

Wednesday, Sep 20

9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)  
6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)

Thursday, Sep 21

9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)  
10:00am Disciples Women  
11:30am Men’s Luncheon  
6:30pm Barony Group (Blue Room)  
Naaman Fatkins’ Birthday

Friday, Sep 22

8:00am ESQG Piecemakers (Fellowship)  
9:00am New Horizons Group (Sanctuary)

Saturday, Sep 23

8:00am ESQG Piecemakers (Fellowship)  
10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)

Sunday, Sep 24

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Today’s Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Terry Nunnelly ELDER: Carolyn Nunnelly DEACONS/GREETER: Team  
2 – Captain: Peggi Zinser Members: Carol Speed, Clarence Sellers and Ted Stuckenschneider  
OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Clarence Sellers COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Sara Simon

# ***Valley Christian Church***

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*“People Serving God Serving People”*

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