Rev. Edd Spencer **JOYS AND CONCERNS** A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP Prayer cards are in the pews September 24, 2023 **PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Edd Spencer THE BLESSING OF GATHERING STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN MESSAGE Sara Simon Giving of Tithes, Offerings PRELUDE "This Is My Father's World" Margaret Cox Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" Margaret Cox Pianist Pianist LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE John Gregory *Doxology Worship Leader John Gregory Worship Leader *CALL TO WORSHIP *Offertory Prayer Let us come and worship Almighty God who formed us as a potter forms clay. John Gregory THE GIFT FROM JESUS We come to worship Almighty God who created us. Worship Leader God has an image of who we can become. Rev. Edd Spencer INVITATION TO COMMUNION We know God's desire is for us to reflect His love. God shapes us and forms us as we are open to His spirit. COMMUNION Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer Stewart Draper We know that in all things God will work for our good. PRAYER Elder God takes our sinful lives and reshapes them. God does not give up on us until we are complete. Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you THE COMMUNION We come to worship to offer ourselves to God's loving touch. individually wrapped communion elements. Please We come to have God as the potter to mold and make us after His will. partake of communion together when the pastor says "take eat and take drink" *HYMN OF "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" Hymn 588 PRAISE All Verses SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS ***INVOCATION** John Gregory *CLOSING HYMN "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" Hymn 621 Worship Leader Verses 1 & 4 **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** John Gregory (Hold hands with the person near you.) Rev. Edd Spencer Worship Leader ***BENEDICTION** THE GIFT OF THE WORD POSTLUDE "Onward Christian Soldiers" Margaret Cox **CHILDREN'S** Rev. Edd Spencer Pianist **MOMENT BOARD MEETING** Ed Guindon **SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:1-2; 10-12 (NT page 4) John Gregory Worship Leader **SERMON** "Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted" Rev. Edd Spencer *Congregation standing – as able or willing **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD** Please join us in the parlor after worship for coffee fellowship. *HYMN OF "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Hymn 627 All Verses

DEDICATION

Life in the Valley

Sunday, Sep 24	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30am Called Board Meeting
Monday, Sep 25	Voice Deadline 8:00am Manna Market Prep (Fellowship) 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Sep 26	8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study Class John Churchill's Birthday
Wednesday, Sep 27	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship) 6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
Thursday, Sep 28	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Friday, Sep 29	9:00am New Horizons Group (Sanctuary)
Saturday, Sep 30	9:00am Educational Seminar on Ukraine (Fellowship) 10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room) Judy Sellers' Birthday Mary Pat Spencer's Birthday
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Sunday, Oct 1 World Communion Sunday 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) – Guest Pastor Jim Brooks

Today's Servers

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

Valley Christian Church (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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