



# Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

We would be very pleased to have you join our Sunday morning worship on Zoom by using the following instructions.

Please use these phone numbers and links between 10:15am and 10:30am Central Time. You can join in one of two ways:

**By computer, smart phone or tablet:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86757133623?pwd=OTFUQWJvU21MMmR6bkY5SitpelR1UT09>

**By Phone:** 1 (312) 626 6799 ID 867 5713 3623, Passcode 205879

(If you need a live link to the Worship link, you can go to the homepage of our website at [www.vccbhm.org](http://www.vccbhm.org) and click on “Links to Zoom” then click on the Sunday Worship link.)

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Christ's and yours,

Pastor Edd Spencer

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

*Our God has made this world: O let us ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet. God trusts us with this world,  
To keep it clean and fair.  
All earth and trees the skies and seas  
God's creatures everywhere.*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>"Canon" by Pachelbel, arr. Agay</i>	<i>Margaret Cox Pianist</i>	<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	<i>Terry Nunnelly Worship Leader</i>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		<i>Terry Nunnelly Worship Leader</i>	<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	<i>"The Flower"</i> <i>Rev. Edd Spencer</i>
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Leader: On this autumn day we thank you for the beauty of the earth. People: We praise you, Great Creator, Leader: For the wonder of birth and the reverent return of all things to the earth, People: We celebrate the mystery and majesty of your ways. Leader: For the abundance by which we are fed, clothed, and sheltered, People: Accept our grateful hearts. Leader: For sparkling waters and refreshing rain, People: We bless you and rejoice. Leader: For places of wilderness and solitude that restores our souls, People: We thank you with all our heart and strength, Leader: For all the beauty in the world. People: We thank you and praise you, now and forever.	<i>Terry Nunnelly Worship Leader</i>	<b>SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS</b>	<i>Rev. Edd Spencer</i>
<b>HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<i>"This is My Father's World"</i>  <i>This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-- God's hand the wonders wrought.</i>  <i>This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the flowers bright, Declare their Maker's praise. Our God has made this world: And shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear God pass, Who speaks to me everywhere.</i>	<i>Hymn 59 Verses 1-3</i>	<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>	<i>Rev. Edd Spencer</i>
			<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<i>Matthew 13:1-9</i> <i>Terry Nunnelly Worship Leader</i>
			<b>MESSAGE</b>	<i>"The Farmer Planting on Good Soil"</i> <i>Rev. Edd Spencer</i>
			<b>HYMN</b>	<i>"God Who Touches Earth With Beauty"</i> <i>Hymn 514 Verses 1 and 5</i> <i>God who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew. With your Spirit recreate me pure and strong and true.</i>  <i>God who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew. Keep me ever, by your Spirit, pure and strong and true.</i>
			<b>CALL TO OFFERING</b>	<i>Share your financial offering with the church by offering plate, by mail or bring it by the church office. Thank you for your love gifts.</i>  <i>Our deacons will come by each pew to receive the offering. Simply place your offering and any contact/prayer cards into the plate when it is offered to you. Please do not pass the plate.</i> <i>Terry Nunnelly Worship Leader</i>
			<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"</i> <i>Margaret Cox Pianist</i>

**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*

**OFFERTORY  
PRAYER**

*Terry Nunnelly  
Worship Leader*

**CALL TO  
COMMUNION**

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**COMMUNION  
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Judy Sellers  
Elder*

**WORDS OF  
INSTITUTION**

Hear the words of Jesus when He said, "Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take and drink, this is the cup of the covenant poured out for you."

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

*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"*

**HYMN OF  
INVITATION**

*"Morning Has Broken"*

*Hymn 53  
Verses 1-3*

*Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world*

*Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass*

*Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day*

**BENEDICTION**

God has blessed us today. God brought us here. God was present with us as we worshiped. God sends us out now in grace to live in and serve the world. Let us go out with God's blessing to share love, peace and hope.

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*You are invited to join us for light refreshments in the church parlor after worship*

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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*"People Serving God Serving People"*

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## *Life in the Valley*

Sunday, Sept 25	10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary) Week of Compassion – Puerto Rico Hurricane
Monday, Sept 26	6:00 pm Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room) Voice Deadline John Churchill's Birthday
Tuesday, Sept 27	6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Sept 28	9:00 am New Horizons Lecture Group – (Fellowship)
Thursday, Sept 29	9:00 am New Horizons Lecture Group (Fellowship)
Friday, Sept 30	9:00 am New Horizons Lecture Group (Fellowship) Judy Sellers' Birthday Mary Pat Spencer's Birthday
Saturday, Oct 1	9:00am Valley Workday
Sunday, Oct 2	10:30 am: Valley Worship (Sanctuary) World Communion Sunday Week of Compassion – Puerto Rico Hurricane Food Pantry Sunday (Rice, Pasta, and/or Spaghetti Sauce)

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
First Christian Church in Pensacola, Florida*

*Please be in prayer for our sister congregation, Macedonia Christian Church*

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday  
Pastor Edd's office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Wednesday

### Today's Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Terry Nunnelly ELDER: Judy Sellers GREETERS: Carolyn Nunnelly  
and Beth Collier DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain: Ginny Guindon Members: Ed Guindon,  
Carol Speed and Tim Devine OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Stewart Draper COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP: Whitney Devine

## Scripture

### Matthew 13:1-9

#### The Parable of the Sower

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. **2** Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. **3** Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **9** Whoever has ears, let them hear.”