

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 8, 2023

## THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

**PRELUDE**                                      “Victory in Jesus”                                      Margaret Cox  
Pianist

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**                                      Ginny Guindon  
Worship Leader

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
When the world invites us to the table of idols.  
**We will choose the table of the Lord.**  
When the world invites us to the table of violence.  
**We will choose the table of peace.**  
When the world invites us to the table of selfishness.  
**We will choose the table of sacrifice and service.**  
When the world invites us to the table of greed.  
**We will choose the table of generosity.**  
Let us worship the One who invites us to find our place at His table.  
**We come to praise the Lord and to celebrate His good news of love.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**                                      “To God Be the Glory”                                      Hymn 72  
All Verses

**\*INVOCATION**                                      Ginny Guindon  
Worship Leader

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**                                      Ginny Guindon  
Worship Leader

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**                                      Rev. Rick Malugani

**SCRIPTURE**                                      1 Corinthians 15:58 (NT pages 177 and 178)                                      Ginny Guindon  
Worship Leader

**SERMON**                                      “Discouragement to Encouragement”                                      Rev. Rick Malugani

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**                                      “Fill My Cup, Lord”                                      Hymn 351  
All Verses

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**                                      Ginny Guindon  
Prayer cards are in the pews                                      Worship Leader

**PASTORAL PRAYER**                                      Rev. Rick Malugani

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**                                      Ginny Guindon  
Giving of Tithes, Offerings                                      Worship Leader

Offertory                                      “Be Thou My Vision”                                      Margaret Cox  
Pianist

\*Doxology                                      Praise God from whom all blessings flow                                      Ginny Guindon  
Praise Him, all creatures here below                                      Worship Leader  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

\*Offertory Prayer

## THE GIFT FROM JESUS

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**                                      Rev. John Gregory

**COMMUNION PRAYER**                                      Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer                                      Sara Simon  
Elder

**THE COMMUNION**                                      Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you.  
Partake of the bread and hold the cup.

## SHARING GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS

\*CLOSING HYMN                                      “Living for Jesus”                                      Hymn 610  
All Verses

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

**POSTLUDE**                                      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”                                      Margaret Cox  
Pianist

\*Congregation standing – as able or willing

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch and congregational meeting after worship

## *Life in the Valley*

- Sunday, Oct 8      Food Pantry Sunday – “Yes I Can” Food Bags for Thanksgiving given out to members (to be returned Sunday, 10-22-23)  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) – Guest Pastor Rick Malugani  
11:30am Congregational Meeting (Fellowship)
- Monday, Oct 9      7:00am BQG Workshop (Fellowship)  
8:00am Manna Market Prep (Blue Room)  
6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)  
Jane Churchill’s Birthday
- Tuesday, Oct 10    7:00am BQG Workshop (Fellowship)  
8:00am Manna Market Sale (Blue Room)  
6:30pm Zoom Bible Study Class
- Wednesday, Oct 11   7:00am BQG Workshop (Fellowship)  
6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
- Thursday, Oct 12    9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
- Friday, Oct 13      9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
- Saturday, Oct 14    8:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship)  
9:00am Valley Work Day  
10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)  
2:00pm Midge Hoke Memorial Service
- Sunday, Oct 15      10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) – Guest Pastor Rev. John Churchill  
12:00pm Board Meeting (Fellowship)

### Today’s Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Ginny Guindon    ELDER: Sara Simon    DEACONS/GREETER: Team 1 –  
Captain: Beth Collier    Members: Terry Nunnelly, Jean Thrasher and John Gregory    OPEN: Pastor  
CLOSE: Peggi Zinser    COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Beth Collier

# *Valley Christian Church*

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*“People Serving God Serving People”*

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