### A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

#### October 22, 2023 THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

| PRELUDE                     | "I Will Enter His Gates/This Is the Day"   | Margaret Cox<br>Pianist                   |
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| LIGHTING OF THE CANI        | DLES   | Ted<br>Stuckenschneider<br>Worship Leader |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP            |  | n ensing Leaner                           |
| waters.                     | s once invited Peter to step out in faith into the deep<br>ut of our safety, our security, and walk toward       | Ted<br>Stuckenschneider<br>Worship Leader |
|                             | d cry out, "Lord save us".<br>all creation comes to save us.<br>to is God's son – Jesus. Because He lives we can |   |
| *HYMN OF<br>PRAISE          | "Because He Lives"   | Hymn 562<br>Verses 1 & 2                  |
| INVOCATION                  |  | Ted<br>Stuckenschneider<br>Worship Leader |
| GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |  | Ted<br>Stuckenschneider<br>Worship Leader |
|                             | THE GIFT OF THE WORD   | -   |
| CHILDREN'S MOMENT           |  | Rev. Edd Spencer                          |
|                             | Matthew 25:14-30 (NT pages 28 and 29)  | Ted<br>Stuckenschneider                   |
| SCRIPTURE                   |  | Worship Leader                            |

#### OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

| *HYMN OF<br>INVITATION                   | "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"  | Hymn 602<br>All Verses                    |
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| JOYS AND CONC<br>Prayer cards are in the |  | Rev. Edd Spencer                          |
| PASTORAL PRAY                            | <b>TER</b>   | Rev. Edd Spencer                          |
| STEWARDSHIP N                            |  | Ted                                       |
| Giving of Tithes, Of                     | ferings  | Stuckenschneider<br>Worship Leader        |
| Offertory                                | "Sweet By and By/Shall We Gather at the River"   | Margaret Cox<br>Pianisi                   |
| *Doxology                                | Praise God from whom all blessings flow<br>Praise Him, all creatures here below<br>Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts<br>Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. | T   |
| *Offertory Prayer                        |  | Tea<br>Stuckenschneider<br>Worship Leader |
|  | THE GIFT FROM JESUS  | 1   |
| INVITATION TO                            | COMMUNION  | Rev. Edd Spencer                          |
| COMMUNION<br>PRAYER                      | Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer   | Sarah Draper<br>Elder                     |
| THE<br>COMMUNION                         | Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you.<br>Partake of the bread and hold the cup.  |   |
|  | SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS   |   |
| *HYMN OF<br>DEDICATION                   | "Open My Eyes, That I May See"   | Hymn 586<br>All Verses                    |
| *BENEDICTION                             | (Hold hands with the person near you.)   | Rev. Edd Spencer                          |
| POSTLUDE                                 | "For All the Saints"   | Margaret Cox<br>Pianist                   |

\*Congregation standing – as able or willing

Please join us in the Parlor for coffee and refreshments after worship.

#### Life in the Valley

- Sunday, Oct 2210:30am Worship (Sanctuary)"Yes I Can" Food Bags for GBM Thanksgiving Collected
- Monday, Oct 23Voice Deadline<br/>8:00am Manna Market Prep (Fellowship)<br/>6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
- Tuesday, Oct 248:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship)6:30pm Zoom Bible Study Class
- Wednesday, Oct 259:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
- Thursday, Oct 26 9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
- Saturday, Oct 28 10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
- Sunday, Oct 29 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) Guest Pastor John Gregory

#### Today's Servers

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

# Valley Christian Church (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

"People Serving God Serving People"

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