



# 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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# Valley Christian Church

## Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

### PRELUDE

*"Count Your Blessings"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has given us so much, and we are thankful.  
People: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!  
Leader: God has given us life and breath, food and health.  
People: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!  
Leader: God has granted us a place to live and a place to work.  
People: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!  
Leader: God has provided a way for us to gather today and a way to get home after worship.  
People: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!  
Leader: God has given us so much.  
People: All that we have belongs to God. May we faithfully return to God what belongs to God, sharing out of the bounty entrusted to us as we come to worship the Lord.

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

Hymn 4  
Verses 1-3

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
God ever living, through eternity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

### OPENING PRAYER

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Edd Spencer

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Edd Spencer

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

"Those People"

Elizabeth Wix  
Saint Andrews

### HYMN

*"Give Thanks"*

Hymn 528  
Verse 1

*Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son*

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*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

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Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

### CALL TO OFFERING

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.

Sara Simon  
Worship Leader

*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.*

### OFFERTORY

*"Give Thanks"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

**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**

*Sara Simon  
Worship Leader*

**CALL TO COMMUNION**

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Clarence 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**

*"Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken"*

*Hymn 387  
Verses 1-2*

*Bread of the world, In mercy broken  
Wine of the soul, In mercy shed,  
By whom the Words of life were spoken,  
And in whose death our sins are dead*

*Look on the heart, By sorrow broken  
Look on the tears, By sinners shed  
And be thy feast to us the token  
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.*

**BENEDICTION**

Almighty God has done great things for us. We have been filled with good things. We have been fed with the bread of life. May this bread nourish us and sustain us, empower us, and guide us as we go out and share the bread of life with others. Amen.

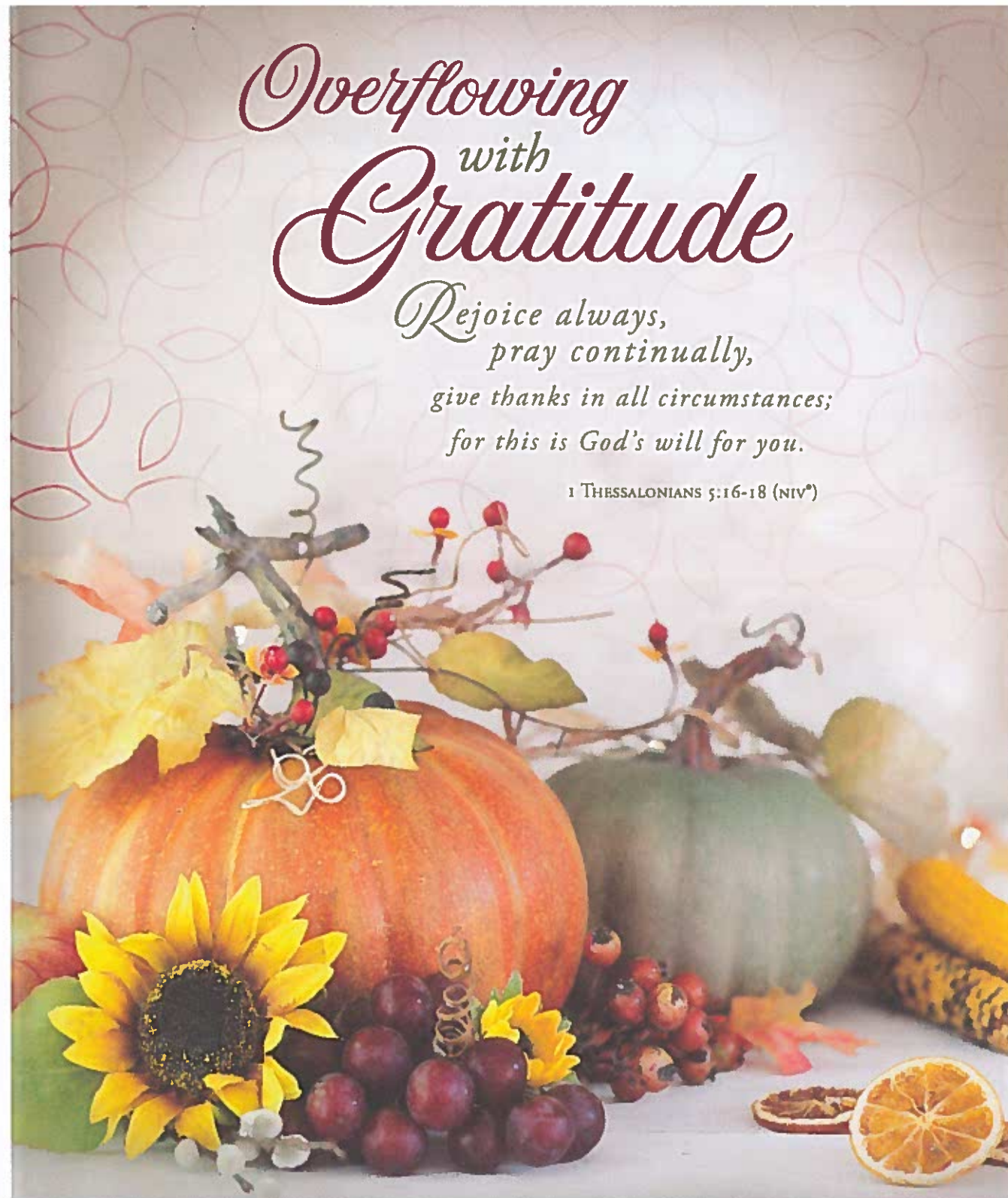
*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*"We Gather Together"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

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



## *Life in the Valley*

Sunday, Nov 13	Bread for the World Sunday with Speaker “Yes I Can” Event – Return full bags Thanksgiving Offering 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Board Meeting
Monday, Nov 14	6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Nov 15	8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Thursday, Nov 17	8:00am BQG “Quilt of Valor” (Fellowship)
Sunday, Nov 20	Pickup Advent Devotional Booklets Thanksgiving Offering 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner (Fellowship) 1:00pm Decorate Church for Christmas/Advent Ginny Guindon’s Birthday

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
First Christian Church in Valhermosa Springs, Alabama*

*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: Sara Simon ELDER: Clarence Sellers GREETERS: Peggi Zinser and  
Carol Speed DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain: Ginny Guindon Members: Ed Guindon, Carol  
Speed and Tim Devine OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Terry Nunnelly COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:  
Jean Thrasher and Lola Kiser

## Scripture

### Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— 3 things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

12 He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. 13 He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall. 14 He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night. 15 He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas; 16 he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

### Philippians 2:1-13

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.