



# Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

Something inside of us wants to communicate with God. Born with eternity in our hearts, we yearn to communicate with the eternal one, Almighty God.

Today we continue our sermon series of communicating with God through the Lord's Prayer in worship. We will focus on those precious words, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven."

If you have not had the opportunity to join us for worship, I encourage you to do so this Sunday. The following phone numbers are the ones to dial between 10:15am and 10:30am:

1-312-626-6799 or  
1-346-248-7799

And when prompted for a Meeting ID enter:  
867 5713 3623 #

The Lord's prayer is our response to His divine presence, so let us pray today to the glory of God.

You are special to me.

God Bless You, Edd

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## Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2020

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us declare the greatness of God;  
People: Who fills the earth with beauty.  
Leader: Causes the sea to shout praise  
People: And the birds to sing glory.  
Leader: Great and loving is our God  
People: Carrying out His will in touching us in our need,  
Leader: Sending friends to listen and embrace,  
People: Giving us food in all seasons with abundant grace  
Leader: Holy and awesome is our God.  
People: Painting sunsets that take our breath away,  
Leader: Whispering comfort to us in our darkest night.  
People: Carrying out His will and filling our lives with His gentle presence.  
Leader: Wondrous and compassionate is our God.  
People: Guarding us as our heavenly parent.  
Leader: Holding us with infinite and tender care.  
People: Carrying out His will in loving us. In all of this may we sing to God our King a hymn of praise.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

*Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise!*

*One God all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!*

*To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence, evermore.*

*Thy sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore!*

### INVOCATION

Our Father you have always been in love with people of this world. Over and over your Word tells us of persons like ourselves to carry out your will. To think that you might have work for us to do is exciting. Speak to us in this time of worship, challenge us to be faithful to you. Come almighty King to us, this we pray in your Son's holy name. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 6:9-10*

### MEDITATION

"Your Kingdom Come, Your will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven"  
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### HYMN

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

*I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford  
I need thee, oh, I need thee,  
every hour I need Thee  
O Bless me now my Savior,  
I come to Thee*

*I need Thee every hour, teach me thy will  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill  
I need thee, oh, I need thee,  
every hour I need Thee  
O Bless me now my Savior,  
I come to Thee*

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Eternal God, you are the Lord of all our beginnings and all our endings. Today you place in our hands a new week of life to carry out your will in our lives. Prepare us to welcome without fear the new week prepared for us. Give us courage to face the unknown challenges ahead. Help us learn from the mistakes we have made in the past. Strengthen us in every good and worthy deed, shaping our conduct more and more in the image of your compassion and integrity. Give us your wisdom we need to fulfill your will in our work, our retirement, our communities, our church and our homes. Lead us to make choices based on the values

we learn from you. Bless those with whom we share this telephone call today. Bless all of those with whom we share our lives. Together may we grow in love and faithfulness. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

**CALL TO COMMUNION**

May this celebration at His table in our homes be a time for us to recall the loving sacrifice of Jesus which gives us life and hope.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"*

*Be known to us in breaking bread,  
but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
your table in our heart.*

*Here share with us, in love divine,  
your body and your blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine  
be our immortal food.*

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pray together the Lord's Prayer

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Partake of the holy communion  
(Bread, juice or whatever is available to you)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Hear the words of Jesus when he said, "Take eat and take drink."

**SHARING OUR OFFERING WITH GOD**

Share your church offering with the church by mail or bring it by the church office. Thank you for your love gifts.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

For a Father who has given us life, given us His only Son, given us forgiveness and new beginnings, given us so many earthly and heavenly blessings, we thank you and honor you today by imitating your giving heart. May the giving of these gifts be a blessing to others. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

We may fall, but God will pick us up; we may fail, but God will succeed; we may be wounded, but God will heal the wounds. We may soar like an eagle, and God will be the wind beneath our wings. Go now with God's presence flowing through you. Amen.

HERITAGE/ART  
COMPANY

Turn unto the

*Lord your God!*

for he is gracious  
and merciful,  
slow to anger,  
and of great kindness.

Joel 2:13

MEDITATION  
Sunday, June 14, 2020

“Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be Done on Earth  
as it is in Heaven”

Learning the right words in life is very important. What we say and how we say it reveals much about who we are and what we believe.

A man asked a four year old boy about his baby sister, “Can Sue talk?”, the man asked. “No”, the little boy answered. “She has her teeth, but her words have not come in yet.” This is an important part of our communication with others. To get our words in and to make sure that they are the right words.

The right words can bring peace and wrong words can cause war. The right words can bring healing and wrong words can cause pain. The right words can produce love and the wrong words can spread hatred.

Therefore, it is important to learn the right words. Today we will consider the right words in the Lord’s Prayer. The words of life in the second petition of the prayer when Jesus said, “Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” First let us consider your kingdom come. The Kingdom of God is God’s reign over us for our own good. To pray this petition means that we recognize that God is in control of our lives. The control issue is a major issue for all of us.

In our time we have remote controls for television sets and for our DVD players. We have remote controls for our garages and car doors. Button, button, who’s got the button? We have it. The problem is that we think that we have the button on the remote control device for life. Not so! To confess Jesus as Lord and recognize that He rules over us means that we believe God has the remote control button for life. That is what the Kingdom of God is all about.

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To pray, “Your kingdom come”, means that we acknowledge God’s rule over us. We do more than acknowledge it; we agree to it. But may we be honest, we fight this rule. Humankind has been fighting this rule since the beginning of time. God said, “Don’t.” Eve said, “Why not? I will. Come join me Adam.” Adam easily agreed. And people have been rebelling against God ever since this moment in the Garden of Eden. But then and today the ruler is our heavenly Father who seeks to rule us.

Therefore may we offer this prayer “Your Kingdom come”. Be the King of my life. May my whole life be yours to rule. I surrender all the desire within me to be in control and I pray that your Kingdom will come into my life.

The Lord also taught us that praying “Your Kingdom come” is not enough. We must add, “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

The prayer petition, “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”, drives home the point that the issue of the control button is a matter of will. To pray this petition means that it is our intention to bend our will to the will of God, and do it gladly. We don’t always know the will of God completely, so maybe the following thoughts may be helpful.

The will of God will never take you where the grace of God cannot keep you. The will of God will never take you where the spirit of God cannot work through you. The will of God will never take you where the love of God cannot hold you. The will of God will never take you where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears.

So today we pray as Jesus taught us, “Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” These are powerful and right words that bring powerful results from an all powerful God.