



# Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

Today we are blessed to have Mary Pat share with us the incredible moment Jesus had with the bent-over woman in Luke 13:10-17. For eighteen years she had been bent over and seen the ground instead of the sky. Her eyes saw the dirt instead of the birds and rainbows. But as we will discover in Mary Pat's message this all changed with the tender mercy of Jesus' healing touch.

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

**By telephone (audio only)**

1 (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: 867 5713 3623

**By video with computer, tablet, or smartphone – click the link below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86757133623>

(if you need a live link you can go to the homepage of our website at [www.vccbhm.org](http://www.vccbhm.org))

May our Lord touch us today in those places where we are burdened. Those places where we are bent over in soul.

You are special to me. God Bless You, Edd

# Valley Christian Church

## Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 2020

### PRELUDE

*"He Touched Me"*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like the bent over woman in the morning scripture, the road to Jesus may be a struggle.  
People: Don't give up and journey on.  
Leader: We may lose our way.  
People: Listen for the voice of God for direction.  
Leader: The path may be rocky.  
People: The Lord walks with you.  
Leader: There are twists and turns,  
People: Stay close to Jesus.  
Leader: There is danger and risk.  
People: Stay focused on Jesus.  
Leader: Journey on with Jesus.  
People: I want Jesus to walk with me.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"*

*I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

### INVOCATION

Gracious God, help us to remember as we walk down the road, you are with us. As we walk down the road open our hearts to the power of your resurrection. As we walk down the road, open our lives to the joy of forgiveness in Jesus. For we pray in His name. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

*Luke 13:10-17*

### MEDITATION

"The Bent Over Woman"  
See Insert for Meditation

### 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, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee*

*I need thee every hour,  
in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide, or life is vain  
I need thee, O 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, O I need thee every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee*

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Show us what it means to walk with you, O God. Strengthen our backs, our feet and legs, that they learn to walk as you intended us to walk. To walk into a world filled with strife and greed and to be a people who make a difference with your love. Grant us the wisdom and power to take from our homes the will to make a difference where we are and wherever we might be in this world, as you have made a difference in us. We pray that we might walk with others on this journey of life. Teach us to treat others as we would be treated. Help us to remember that every person has feelings and a sense of hope. Make us your instruments of your love, so that we share compassion with all people. In the name of your Son. Amen.

### CALL TO COMMUNION

Make this meal meaningful for all of us as each one of us is reminded of these burdens and sins we bring to you so that they may be laid aside.

**COMMUNION  
HYMN**

*“According to Thy Gracious Word”*

*According to thy gracious word,  
in meek humility,  
this will I do, my dying Lord,  
I will remember thee.*

*Thy body, broken for my sake,  
my bread from heav'n shall be;  
thy testamental cup I take,  
and thus remember thee.*

*I shall remember all thy pain,  
and all thy love to me;  
when thou shalt come again and reign,  
Jesus, remember me.*

**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**

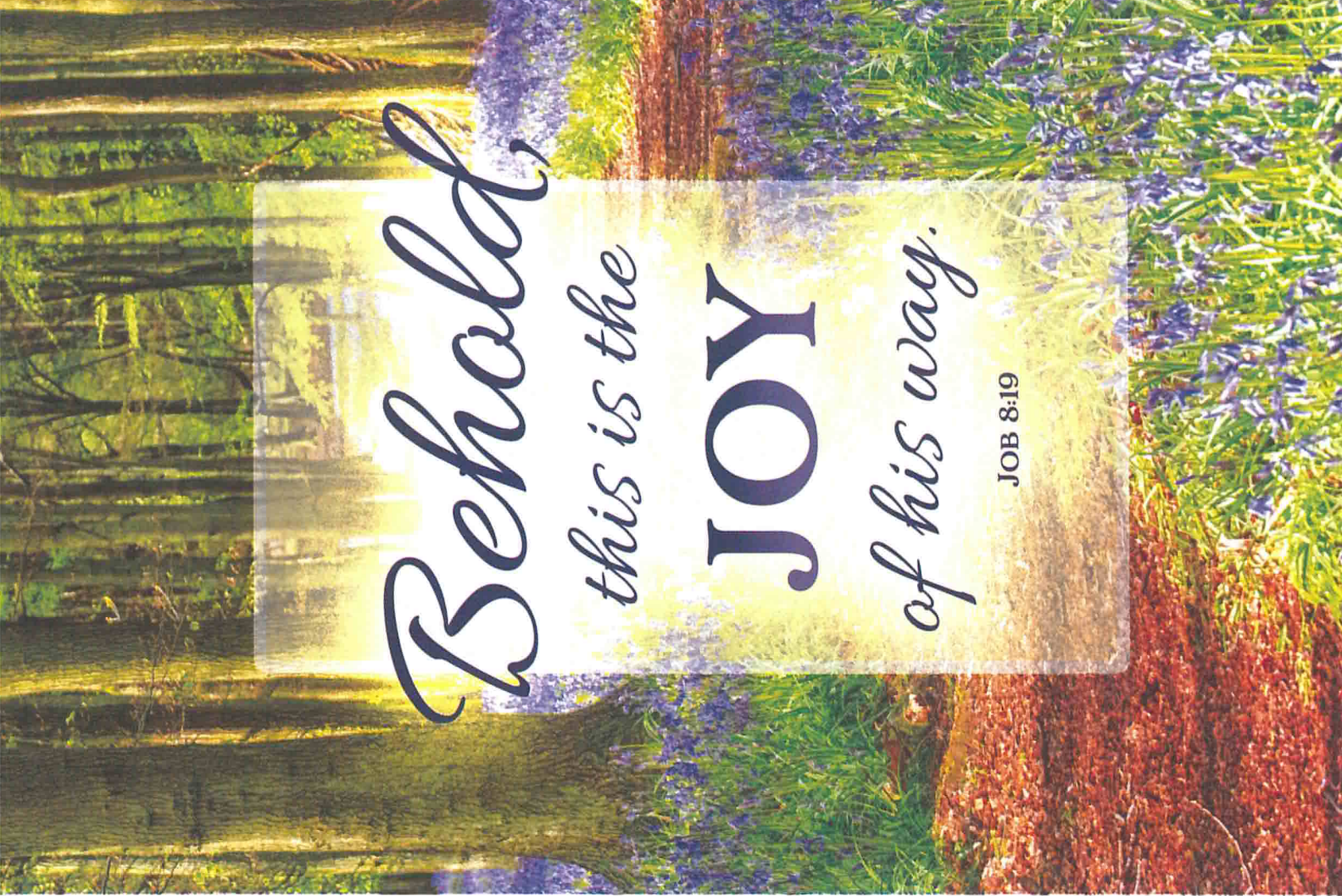
Share your church offering with the church by mail or  
bring it by the church office. Thank you for your love  
gifts.

**OFFERTORY  
PRAYER**

As we follow Christ on the path of obedience, O God,  
we are always reminded of your desire for us to be ever  
faithful. Take these gifts and make them become for us  
an act of faith in your gracious love. Bless them, we  
pray. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

The spirit of God is upon you and is sending you to  
bring good news to the oppressed. To bind up the  
brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captives. In  
all that say and do, prepare the way of the Lord. Amen.



*Behold,*  
*this is the*  
**JOY**  
*of his way.*

**JOB 8:19**

MEDITATION  
"The Bent Over Woman"  
Luke 13:10-17 NIV  
August 16, 2020

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. <sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." <sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

**Notes:** Thoughts and questions I have about this passage.

Sermon Notes  
The Bent Over Woman  
Luke 13:10-17 NIV

It is a story about emancipation. We all can learn how to be free of those things that keep us bent over and crippled. But first we need to see ourselves in the lives of those in the story.

As always it is important and helpful to understand the translation of the scripture and to better understand the setting and times that they were written. This gives us a better appreciation in order to make sense of the lessons for us to learn. We will look at three different translations.

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The Ruler of the Synagogue: Why do you think the ruler of the synagogue was upset with Jesus? How are you like the Ruler of the synagogue?

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The People of the congregation: Why so you think Jesus scolded the members of the congregation? How are you like the members of the congregation?

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The Bent over woman: How are you like the bent over woman?

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What new insights have you absorbed from this passage and you can apply to your life?

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