



Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

Wouldn't you know it? Valley decided to celebrate my thirty-fifth birthday by giving me the day off from preaching and—oh, that's because this Sunday just so happens to be Laity Sunday as well as my birthday? You don't say! This will be my first Laity Sunday at Valley, but it is a Sunday rich in tradition where Valley's laypeople lead and preach the entirety of the worship service, our 2021 leaders are commissioned, and the 2020 Christian Service Recognition awards are announced. I am excited to share in my first Laity Sunday with all of you as I continue immersing myself in Valley's rich history and traditions.

Please use following phone numbers and links between 10:15am and 10:30am. 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 with the passcode 205879 OR click on “Zoom Links” then the Sunday Worship link.)

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Christ's and yours,
Pastor Eric

Valley Christian Church

Laity Sunday

January 24, 2021

ANNOUNCE MENTS

Eve Harman

PRELUDE

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Andrea Clark
Worship Leader*

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Call Ourselves Disciples"

Chalice Hymnal 357

*We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children, we serve Christ's path to
clear.
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.*

*The cup and cross before us, proclaim our hope above,
the sign of our Redeemer, the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted, the cup poured out for all.
When gathered at the table we hear our common call.*

*We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless
fears,
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the
years.*

INVOCATION

*Andrea Clark
Worship Leader*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Sarah Draper

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah Draper

SCRIPTURE

Amos 5:18-27

John Neville

MESSAGE

John Neville

HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu"

Chalice Hymnal 600

*Refrain:
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
Refrain*

*Neighbors are rich and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away.
Refrain*

*These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbors to us and you.
Refrain*

SHARING OUR OFFERING WITH GOD

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

*Andrea Clark
Worship Leader*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Andrea Clark
Worship Leader*

CALL TO COMMUNION

"Truly my heart waits silently for God; my hope of deliverance comes from him." (Ps 62:5) In the Lord's Supper, we can find the silence to feel God, and know the hope for deliverance from the troubles of our hearts.

Rev. John Gregory

**COMMUNION
HYMN**

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Chalice Hymnal 392

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in
your name,
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of
them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the disciples used to gather In the name of Christ to
sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver Break the bread and
bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So now bind our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of
you
That be caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples
true.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve with faith anew..*

**COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Sara Simon
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."

John Gregory

As the Words of Institution are spoken, you are invited to partake in the bread and juice, or whatever is available to you.

BENEDICTION

Peggi Zinser

POSTLUDE

"O Worship the King"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

You are warmly invited to remain in our Zoom worship space for some online fellowship time following the postlude.

