



# Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

I am happy to share with you this Sunday the first installment of my Lenten sermon series, “We Were There: Lenten Edition,” developed in consultation with Lola Kiser. We have adapted the first-person format of Valley’s excellent Advent devotional book, “We Were There,” and for Holy Week, picking out fourteen eyewitnesses to the Passion. Some of their voices will appear in our Holy Week devotional, and some will appear in this sermon series, beginning first with Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead and visited again en route to Jerusalem to start Holy Week. I look forward to sharing this series with you!

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](http://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

## First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

### PRELUDE

*"Jesus Paid It All"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the Father raises the dead and gives life  
People: So does the Son give life to whomever He wishes

*Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader*

Leader: The time is coming, and is here, when the dead will hear the voice of God's Son

People: And those who hear it will live

Leader: Just as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself

People: And those who did good things will come out into the resurrection of life

(John 5:21, 25-28, CEB)

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"To God be the Glory"*

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in*

*Refrain*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear his voice*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done*

*Great things he hath taught us great thing he hath done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see*  
*Refrain*

### INVOCATION

*Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader*

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

God with us in the kingdom and the wilderness alike, we know in your omnipresence that you see us and hear us as we are—not how we want ourselves to be, but who we really are. Yet you love us and seek to save us, and we rely upon that love and salvation in moments of prayer such as this. And so we pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places who are in the silence of our souls, as we lift up to you the ones who we have named aloud at this time...

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"He," by Jack Richards

*Rev. Jan Watts*

### SCRIPTURE

John 11:32-44

*Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader*

### MESSAGE

"Lazarus"

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

### HYMN

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with thee  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not  
As thou hast been and forever wilt be*

*Refrain*

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love*

*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.

*Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader*

**OFFERTORY  
PRAYER**

*Stewart Draper  
Worship Leader*

**CALL TO  
COMMUNION**

May we remember that we need not fear Satan's first temptation of Christ, to turn stones into bread, because Christ has made Himself bread enough for our journey.

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**COMMUNION  
HYMN**

*"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"*

*My shepherd you supply my need and holy is your name  
In pastures fresh you make me feed beside  
The living stream. You bring my wandering spirit back  
When I forsake your ways. You lead me for  
Your mercy's sake in ways of truth and grace.*

*Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my  
days. O may your house be my abode, and all my  
Work be praise. Here would I find a settled rest  
While others go and come. No more  
A stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

**COMMUNION  
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Katelyn Clark  
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."

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

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who calls us into the wilderness call us into community, to share the Gospel and love of Christ in that same community, and may the blessing of the Lord be with you on this day and on all days. Amen.

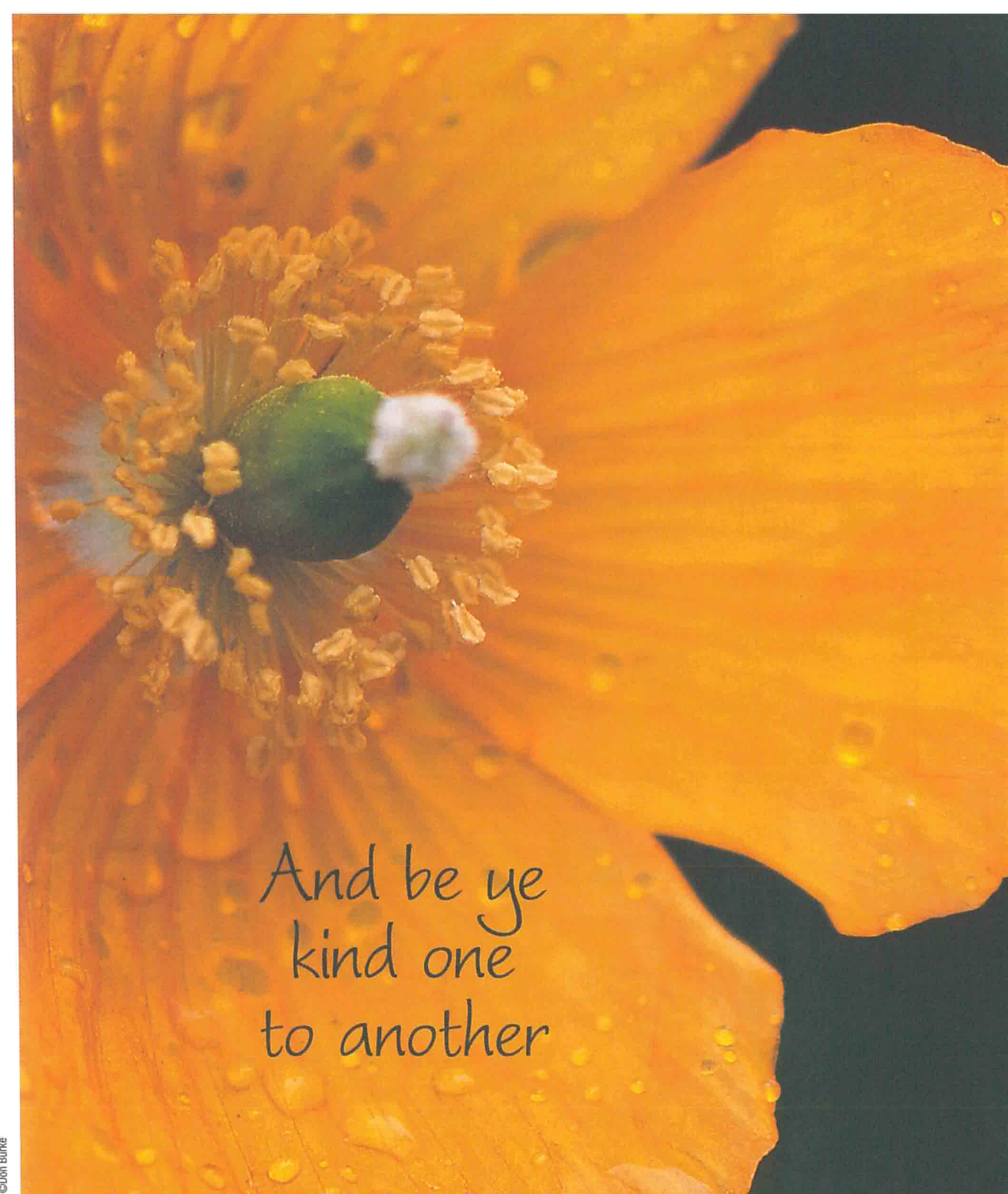
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**POSTLUDE**

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

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



*And be ye  
kind one  
to another*