



# 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 Eric Atcheson

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# Valley Christian Church

## Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

### PRELUDE

*"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This Jesus God raised up

**People: We are all witnesses**

Leader: He was exalted to God's right side

**People: He received from God the promised Holy Spirit**

Leader: He poured out his spirit

**People: We are seeing and hearing the results of His having done so**

Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader

(Acts 2:32-33, CEB)

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"On Pentecost They Gathered" (#237)*

*On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day  
A band of Christ's disciples to worship sing and pray  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air  
And tongues of fire glowing inspired each person there*

*God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe  
On women, men, and children  
Who would God's grace receive  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power  
The church formed & reforming responds in every hour*

*O Spirit sent from heaven on that day long ago  
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise  
So people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise*

### OPENING PRAYER

Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Spirit-filled God, as we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, as your apostles did so long ago and as we have not been able to safely do in person for fourteen months, we give you thanks for the gift of presence that we cannot ever take for granted—the presence of one another, and the presence of you that we feel as we pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places that are in the silence of our souls, as we lift up to you those we have named aloud today...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-13

Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

"Spirit and Sanctuary"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### ANTHEM

*"Spirit of God," Ruth Schram*

Valley Choir

### CALL TO OFFERING

Please share your financial offering with the church by offering plate, by mail, or by bringing it by the church office. Thank you for your love gifts.

Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader

*Our deacons will come by each pew to collect 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

*"Breathe On Me, Breath of God/  
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

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

Judy Sellers  
Worship Leader

**CALL TO  
COMMUNION**

As we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, we also remember the gift of the Lord's Supper through which the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives is made known.

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**COMMUNION  
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Ted Stuckenschneider  
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. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

*Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please do not unmask to partake of communion during the Words of Institution until asked to do so. Place your mask back fully over your nose and mouth immediately afterwards.*

**HYMN OF  
INVITATION**

*"Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" (#248)*

*Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove  
With all your quickening powers  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours*

*Hosannas languish on our tongues  
And our devotion dies  
Waken our souls to joyful songs  
Let pure devotion rise*

*Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove  
With your enlivening ways  
Come shed abroad the Savior's love  
And teach our hearts to praise*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who has led you here by the Holy Spirit send you forth to share the gifts of the Spirit throughout the kingdom, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*In-person fellowship time after worship is temporarily on hiatus. We intend to bring it back as soon as public health circumstances indicate it is relatively safe to do so. Thank you for understanding.*

