



# 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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## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

### PRELUDE

*"This is My Father's World"*

Linda Reeves  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all the people

**People: Shout joyfully to the Lord**

Leader: Because the Lord, the Most High, is awesome

**People: The Lord is the great king of the world**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises to our king

**People: God is king of the world and all the nations**

Leader: God sits on the holy throne

**People: God is exalted beyond all**

(Psalm 47:1-2, 6-9, CEB)

Jim Taylor  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"In Christ There is No East or West"*

Hymn 687  
Verses 1, 2, 4

*In Christ there is no east or west  
In Him no south or north  
But one community of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find  
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind*

*In Christ now meet both east and west  
In Him meet south and north  
All loving hearts are one in Him  
Throughout the whole wide earth*

### OPENING PRAYER

Jim Taylor  
Worship Leader

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Eternal and ever-present God, we pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places that are in the silence of our souls. We lift them to you at this time...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Jim Taylor  
Worship Leader

### MESSAGE

"Jonah"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

### ANTHEM

*"This is My Song," J. Sibelius, L. Stone, & G. Harkness*

VCC Choir directed by  
Mary Ellen Caughran

### CALL TO OFFERING

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

Jim Taylor  
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

*"America the Beautiful"*

Linda Reeves  
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

Jim Taylor  
Worship Leader

### CALL TO COMMUNION

July 4 is the anniversary of one of the most dedicated displays of cooking I've seen in my life. May we bring to this meal that dedication to traditions of togetherness.

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**

*"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"*

*Hymn 545  
Verses 1, 2, 3*

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
Tis God's hand that leadeth me*

*Refrain*

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me*

*Lord I would place my hand in thine  
Nor ever murmur nor repine  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea  
Tis thy hand that leadeth me  
(Refrain)*

*And when my task on earth is done  
When by thy grace the victory's won  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee  
Since God thru Jordan leadeth me  
(Refrain)*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who called you to share your story send you forth to Nineveh, and may the blessing of God be with you on this day and on all days. Amen.

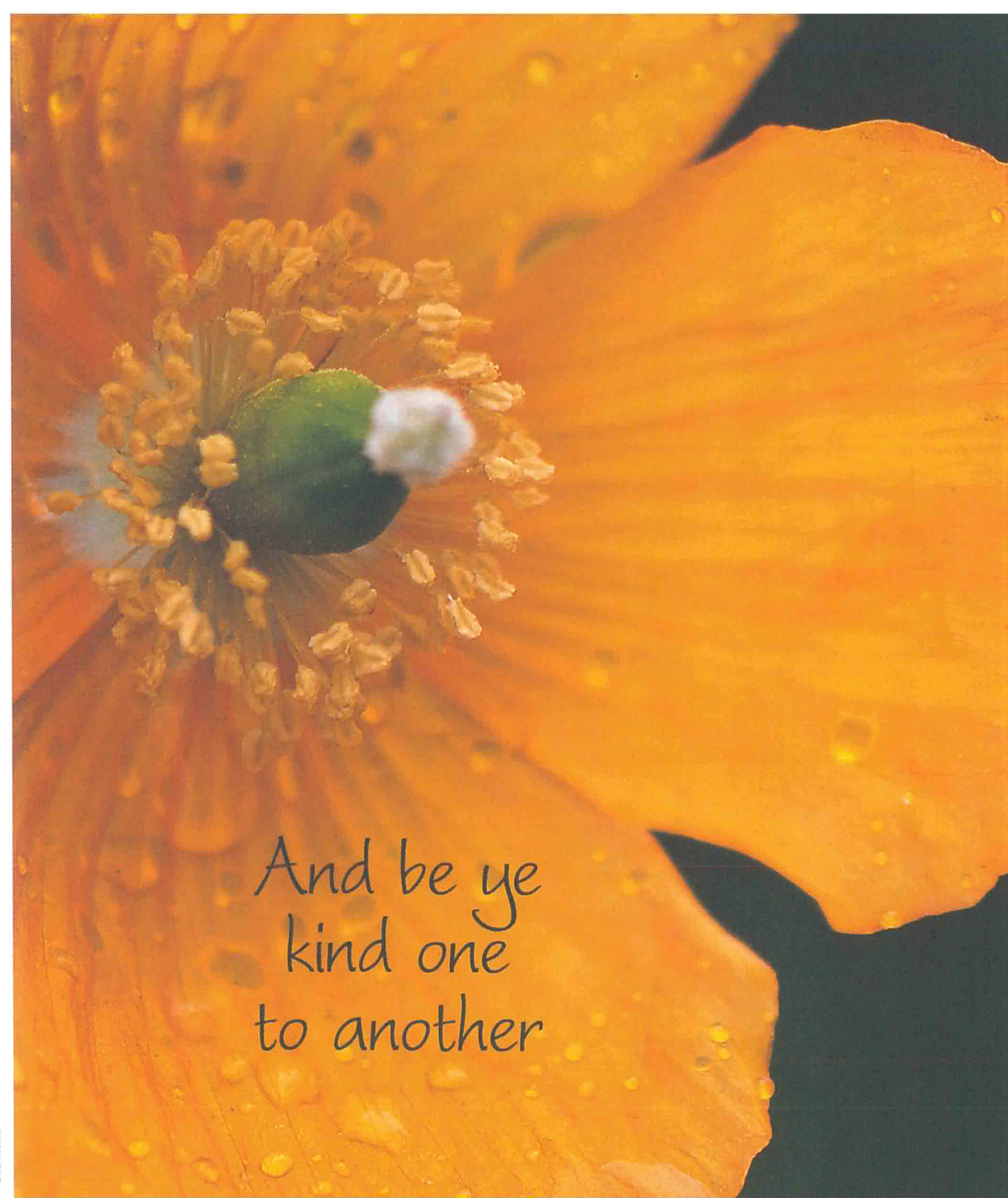
*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

*Linda Reeves  
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.*



*And be ye  
kind one  
to another*



## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

Monday, July 5	Independence Day observed, Valley church offices closed All day: Manna Market preparations
Tuesday, July 6	All day: Manna Market 6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (meeting room 1) 7:00 pm: Barony Group
Wednesday, July 7	10:30 am: Valley office staff meeting, parlor 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:00 pm: Primera Iglesia Bible Study, sanctuary
Saturday, July 10	All day: Evening Star Quilting Guild 9:00 am: Valley property work day
Sunday, July 11	10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary 11:30 am: Valley fellowship, outdoors Dedication of little library box 12:00 pm: Valley elders meeting, classroom 2:00 pm: Primera Iglesia worship, sanctuary

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to pray for this week is  
First Christian Church, Hartselle, AL*

*Please also be in prayer for our sister congregation, Macedonia Christian Church, and our  
neighbors at Primera Iglesia Cristiana*

*Our international mission partner, Elena Huegel, is currently stateside  
from her mission in Mexico*

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday  
Pastor Eric's office hours: 9:30 am – noon, Monday – Thursday

### Today's Servers

ELDER: Ted Stuckenschneider WORSHIP LEADER: Jim Taylor GREETER(S): Carolyn  
Nunnally and Beth Collier DEACONS: Team 2, Leader – Peggi Zinser Members – Jim  
Taylor, Ginny Guindon, Linda Reeves, Carol Speed COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Temporarily  
postponed

## “This is My Song” (Finlandia)

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on clover-leaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
Oh, hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations,  
Let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.  
In peace may all earth's people draw together,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.