



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 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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

PRELUDE

"There Is Power in the Blood"

Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all the people thank you, God

People: Let all us people thank you

Leader: Let the people celebrate and shout with joy
**People: For you judge the nations fairly and guide
all nations on the earth**

Leader: Let all the people thank you, God

People: Let all us people thank you

(Psalm 67:3-5, CEB)

John Neville
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O for a World"

Hymn 683
Verses 1 – 3, 5

*O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise*

*O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved. Where truth is spoken
Children spared, equality achieved*

*We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice*

*O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace
Where time and tears will be no more
And all but love shall cease*

OPENING PRAYER

John Neville
Worship Leader

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God, in such holy and sacred moments with you and before you, 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

Habakkuk 1:1 – 2:1

John Neville
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"Habakkuk"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"Held in His Grace," Patricia Mook

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.

John Neville
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

"Heavenly Sunshine"

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

John Neville
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

Arriving here from a home we just bought to live and break bread in, this too is such a home. We move from place to place & call them home if we can break bread.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Sarah Draper
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

"The Voice of God is Calling"

*Hymn 666
Verses 1 – 4*

*The voice of God is calling to women and to men
The voice once heard in Zion resounds on earth again
Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need
Whom shall I send to loosen bonds of shame & greed*

*I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill
No field or mart is silent, no city street is still
I see my people falling in darkness and despair
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear*

*We heed O God your summons and answer here are we
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be
Our strength is dust and ashes our years a passing hour
But you can use our weakness to magnify your power*

*From ease & plenty save us from pride of place absolve
Purge us of low desire, lift us to high resolve
Take us and make us holy, teach us your will and way
Speak and behold, we answer, command and we obey*

BENEDICTION

May the God who gave you voice to speak to God send you out to also speak Good News, and may the blessing of God be with you on this day and on all days. Amen.

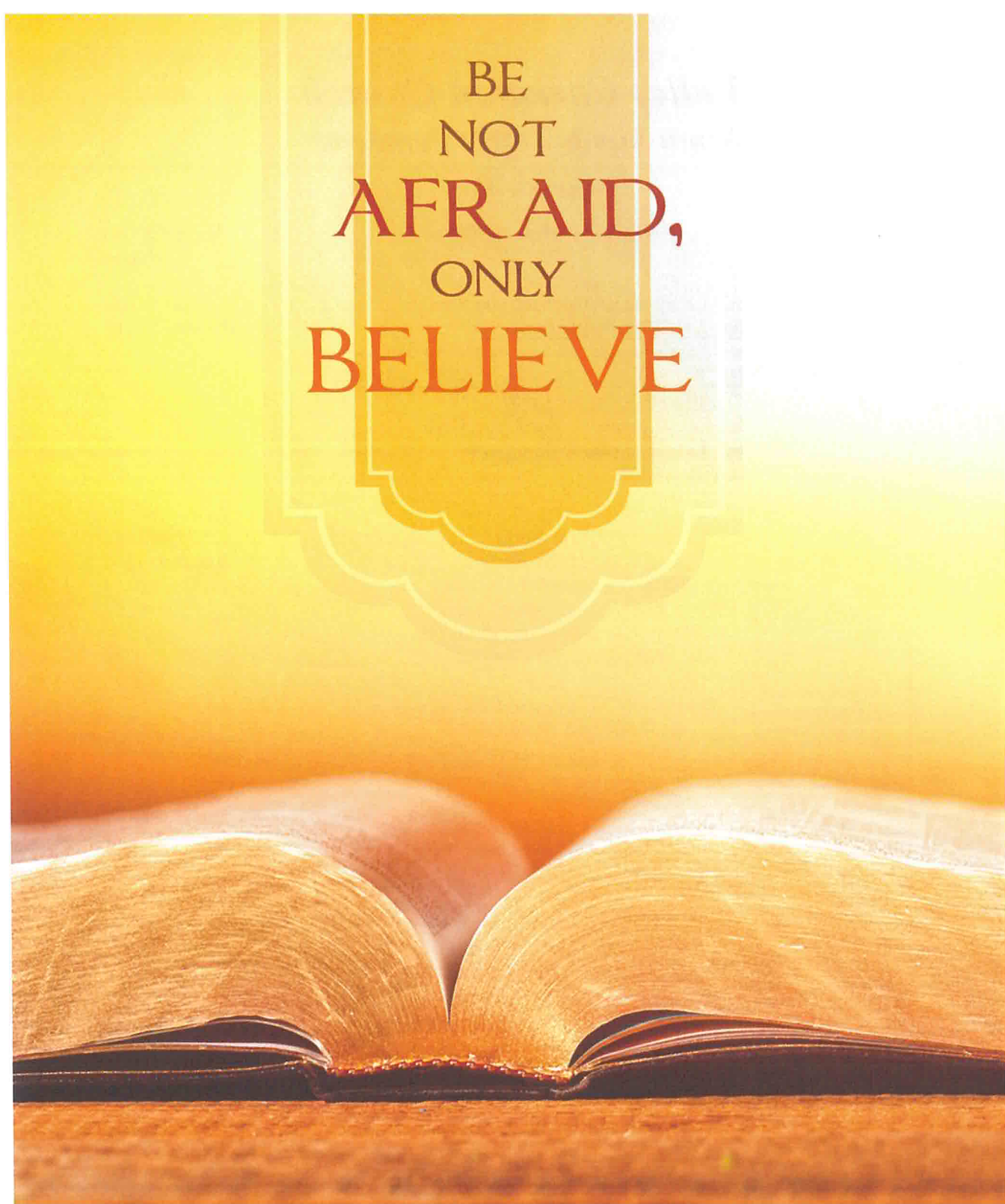
Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

POSTLUDE

"Then Sings My Soul...How Great Thou Art"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

You are warmly invited to join us for light refreshments in the church parlor. We ask that you please continue to socially distance and wear masks as much as possible after worship has concluded.



Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 1	Food Pantry Sunday 10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary 11:30 am: Valley fellowship, parlor 2:00 pm Primera Iglesia worship, sanctuary
Monday, August 2	10:00 am – 8:00 pm – 15 minute Listening Sessions
Tuesday, August 3	6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
Wednesday, August 4	6:00 pm Regional Minister Report on Listening Sessions 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:00 pm: Primera Iglesia Bible Study, sanctuary 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, August 5	Bill and Pat McDaniel's Anniversary
Saturday, August 7	10:00 am Blessing of the Pets, fellowship hall
Sunday, August 8	10:30 am: Valley worship, sanctuary 11:30 am: Valley fellowship, parlor 12:00 pm: Elders' Meeting 2:00 pm Primera Iglesia worship, sanctuary

Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is Big Union Christian Church in Letohatchee, Alabama

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: Sarah Draper WORSHIP LEADER: John Neville GREETER(S): Peggi Zinser and Lola Kiser DEACONS: Team 1, Leader – Carolyn Nunnally Members – Marilyn Cutcliffe, Terry Nunnally, Sara Simon COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Carolyn Nunnally and Beth Collier

Held by His Grace by Patricia Mock and Faye Lopez

"Lonely and empty, sadness within, Lost in my world of wand'ring and sin
crying for mercy I did not deserve, Looking for meaning, a purpose to serve.
Held by His grace, grace that binds up the broken, healing the soul's deepest
need.

Grace so amazing at such a great cost. Showing mercy to one who was lost.

I'm held by His grace.

Once I was blinded, now I can see; once wrapped in bondage, but now I am
free!

Grace that will pardon and cleanse me within, greater than all of my sin!

Held by his grace that will bind up the broken healing the soul's deepest need.

Grace so amazing at such a great cost, mercy to one who was lost, I'm held by
His grace.