

May 21, 2023

HE IS RISEN

celebrate the savior

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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General Offering: May 8 - May 14.....	\$ 12,146
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Deficit.....	(\$ 14,354)
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$160,341)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **26.8%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **28.4%** of our budget by this time in the year.

\$21,283 would bring us up to average.

GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to
(669) 333-5880

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

⁴ May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

- Psalm 70:4 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (NICAEA)

(Words and Music by John Bacchus Dykes & Reginald Heber)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

SONGS

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

(Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves, 2004)

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ²Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. ³Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. ⁴Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. ⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. ⁶Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. ⁷In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

- Psalm 86:1-7 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹⁴"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

- Psalm 91:14-16 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

GOD OF GRACE

(Words and Music by Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea, 2003)

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day His grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven, and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

ONLY A HOLY GOD

(Words & Music by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson, 2016)

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God. Only a Holy God.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. ² I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴ who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶ Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap ⁷ both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds."

⁸ Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there. ¹⁰ Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, for my people who have sought me. ¹¹ But you who forsake the Lord, who forget my holy mountain, who set a table for Fortune and fill cups of mixed wine for Destiny, ¹² I will destine you to the sword, and all of you shall bow down to the slaughter, because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not listen, but you did what was evil in my eyes and chose what I did not delight in."

¹³ Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame; ¹⁴ behold, my servants shall sing for gladness of heart, but you shall cry out for pain of heart and shall wail for breaking of spirit. ¹⁵ You shall leave your name to my chosen for a curse, and the Lord God will put you to death, but his servants he will call by another name, ¹⁶ so that he who blesses himself in the land shall bless himself by the God of truth, and he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten and are hidden from my eyes.

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

- Isaiah 65 (English Standard Version)

SERMON OUTLINE

Despite Their Sin...

Isaiah 65

Isaiah 65 gives us a picture of a God who will stop at nothing as He pursues the eternal joy of His people. Despite the sin of His people, God will...

Convict His people... (Isaiah 65:1-7)

Preserve His people... (Isaiah 65:8-12)

...and bring joy to His people... (Isaiah 65:13-25; Luke 15:11-32; John 15:11)

REFLECTION

QUOTES

“Joy is the serious business of heaven.”

- C.S. Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer* (p. 93)

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

- Luke 15:11-32 (*English Standard Version*)

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

- John 15:11 (*English Standard Version*)

READINGS

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the Biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

* ("catholic" means "world-wide" in scope rather than regional or sectarian)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting following service on Sunday, June 4th to vote on the release of Brad Anderson from call and the recommendation of Tom Beiler and Tom Petrul to the office of Deacon. Voting must take place in person. Anyone may attend the Congregational Meeting, but only Communicant Members over the age of 18 are eligible to vote. Questions about voting eligibility or member status: Teresa Campbell (teresa@valleysprings.org).

YOUTH SUMMER HIKE: The Youth Ministry is going hiking! All middle and high school students are invited to join us on a hike at Lake Clementine on Wednesday, June 7th. Students can be dropped off at church at 9am and will return to church by 1pm. Be sure to bring your lunch, money for milkshakes, and wear your swimsuits! You can register online at www.valleysprings.org/youthsummerevents.

SUMMERFEST 2023: Our annual vacation Bible school is coming soon! Three nights, June 20th-22nd, 6pm-8:15pm, featuring dinner for everyone, worship, Bible lessons, crafts, and games. Register online at www.valleysprings.org/summerfest!

SUMMERFEST SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST: Want to win a free registration to Summerfest? We're hosting a social media giveaway for one free Summerfest signup. To enter the contest, you must be following Valley Springs on Instagram and share the post to your story. Winners will be drawn and announced on Thursday, June 1st.

STAY CONNECTED: Want to connect with Valley Springs throughout the week? Follow us on social media! We are on Facebook (@ValleySpringsChurch) and Instagram (@vspscroseville). We also have community groups that you can connect with! If you need help getting connected, please reach out to Dana Allred (dana@valleysprings.org). Dana is our Coordinator of Connection and she would love to help you find fellowship.

JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE: Our food pantry needs to be restocked! We need canned corn, canned peas, canned peaches, canned chicken, jelly, individually packaged snacks, soup, and pasta sauce. Drop off donations at the front desk.

For more information, visit www.valleysprings.org

OUR MISSION

Valley Springs Presbyterian Church is an intergenerational community of grace, learning to love God, and serve our world, together.

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