

July 2, 2023

# REJOICE

*celebrate the savior*

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## **GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP**

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*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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## **SENT BY GOD**

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*That's Why We Praise Him*

**Blessing**

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# READINGS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

- <sup>13</sup>You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
- <sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- <sup>15</sup>Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
- <sup>16</sup>who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.

- Psalm 89:13-16 (English Standard Version)

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# SONGS

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## FOREVER

(Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, 2001)

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.  
By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

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# SONGS

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## **HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)**

*(Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Paul Baloche)*

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You;  
We turn to You;  
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You;  
We long for You;

'Cause when we see You,  
We find strength to face the day;  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna,  
You are the God who saves us,  
Worthy of all our praises;  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
Come have Your way among us;  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You;  
We turn to You;  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,  
You make us new;

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## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! <sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

- Psalm 130:1-4 (*English Standard Version*)

## **DECLARATION OF GRACE**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

- Psalm 118:19-21 (*English Standard Version*)

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# SONGS

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## **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

*(Words: Thomas O. Chisholm / Music: William M. Runyan)*

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, Thou forever wilt be.

*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.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## **GREAT ARE YOU LORD**

*(Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan, 2012)*

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord.

*It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.*

And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
"Great are You, Lord!"

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## SCRIPTURE

<sup>1</sup> So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.  
<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

- 1 Peter 2:1-8 (*English Standard Version*)

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- When were you the hungriest you have ever been? What did you feel when you were hungry? What did you think?
- What was it like when you ate again? Describe the food and your experience of it. How did it change the way you felt? The way you thought?
- What specific things are you tempted to make the “cornerstone” (or, center) of your life?
- What was the last thing you made the “cornerstone” of your life? When did you do this?
- What does it mean that Christ is our example? What are the implications of Him being that for us?

# SERMON OUTLINE

## The Cornerstone

1 Peter 2:1-8

*In this passage, Peter reminds us of the reality that Jesus is our cornerstone. As we face the problems and pressures of our world, we are tempted to make many other things (or people) the center of our lives to help us in our anxiety and panic. However, Jesus offers us something so much better. This passage helps us to recognize...*

**Christ as our nourishment...** (1 Peter 2:1-3; John 6:53-58)

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**Christ as our stability...** (1 Peter 2:4-5; Ephesians 3:14-19)

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**Christ as our example...** (1 Peter 2:6-8)

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# — REFLECTION QUOTES —

It is true that ever since the first disobedience in the Garden of Eden fallen human beings have been running away from God. Indeed, we are worse than fugitives; we are rebels who defy his authority and resist his love. And yet we are restless in our rebellion. Instinctively we know that the God we are trying to avoid is our only home. So at times we “feel after him.” We seek to find him whom we are simultaneously seeking to escape. Such is the paradox of our fallenness.

- John Stott, *Christ the Cornerstone: Collected Essays of John Stott*

<sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

- John 6:53-58 (*English Standard Version*)

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- Ephesians 3:14-19 (*English Standard Version*)



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## 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)

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# SONGS

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## THAT'S WHY WE PRAISE HIM

*(Words and Music by Tommy Walker, 1999)*

He came to live, live a perfect life;  
He came to be the living word, our light.  
He came to die so we'd be reconciled:  
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

*That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing;  
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything.  
That's why we bow down and worship this King,  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything.*

He came to live, live again in us;  
He came to be our conquering King and friend.  
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;  
He came to go prepare a place for us.

Halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, hallelujah.

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# NOTES

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Valley Springs will be closed Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Independence Day.

**WOMEN'S SUMMER NIGHTS:** It's ladies' night! Come join the women of Valley Springs for fellowship, fun, and good appetizers/drinks. Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm at Fat's Asian Bistro in Roseville. If you have any questions, contact Dana Allred: [dana@valleysprings.org](mailto:dana@valleysprings.org).

**FRONT PORCH DINER (MEXICO RECAP):** Not everyone gets to go to Mexico, but everyone can enjoy the post-Mexico Trip Front Porch Diner! Come join us on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> after service as we hear about the Mexico Missions Trip and enjoy some delicious food. Sign up online ([www.valleysprings.org](http://www.valleysprings.org)) to let us know what dish you're bringing.

**STAY CONNECTED:** Want to connect with Valley Springs throughout the week? Follow us on social media! We are on Facebook (@ValleySpringsChurch) and Instagram (@vspcroseville). 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](mailto:dana@valleysprings.org)). Dana is our Coordinator of Connection and she would love to help you find fellowship.

**VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL:** Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2023-24 school year is open! See [www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org](http://www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org) or contact Danya Schulte: [danya@valleysprings.org](mailto:danya@valleysprings.org) / (916) 786-7670.

*For more information, visit [www.valleysprings.org](http://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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